

COMMENT OF THE DAY

Geneva

THE Geneva conference which is scheduled to begin today faces its greatest threat before the delegates can even attend the first assembly. Treacherously Russia has again insisted that the conference be one of "five Great Powers". It is not and was never intended to be anything but a meeting of all nations participating in the Korean war. The Geneva talks in so far as Korea is concerned are merely an extension of the broken-off Panmunjom truce talks. If and when the conference begins, however, perhaps the greatest concern to the West is not the magnitude and complexity of the Korean and Indo-Chinese problems so much as the apparent wide differences between the views of America on the one hand and Britain and France on the other on the ending of the Indo-China war. It appears for instance that for the sake of a cease-fire the principle of territorial partition is acceptable to Britain and France but America's view ignores this consideration entirely. Far from approaching the Indo-China question from the point of view of an immediate cease-fire America seems to place greater emphasis on military action to strengthen the West's hand for political discussions later. The only conclusion to be drawn from this is that in Washington's view the Geneva meeting is premature.

YET what of the Indo-China campaign? Militarily it is conceded the war cannot be won; it must not be lost; yet it must be ended. Whatever approach the West adopts it must remember that France as a colonial power has the obligation to ensure that under her promise to grant full independence to Vietnam the Vietnamese people will have the choice of their new government and that they will not be sacrificed to a new form of colonialism directed from Peking. On the other side of the conference table at Geneva sit the Communists whose intentions and tactics one may suspect but which will not be known until the talks begin. There is a feeling current in the West that China which has to fulfil a more demanding industrialisation programme this year can ill-afford military adventures on the lines of wholesale intervention in Indo-China. The target for industrial production is 17 per cent higher than last year's. If this is to be China's policy, henceforth it will demand a reconsideration of the strategic ban on trade which, together with the easing of tension in the Far East, is the most Hongkong can hope for at Geneva.

THE Korean problem is inclined to be relegated to a lower order on the business sheet. The two subjects are to be treated separately (e.g. so that a breakdown on Korea would not necessarily prejudice the talks on Indo-China) but potentially the failure of the Korean talks could be extremely serious. It is regrettable that South Korea sees military action as the most acceptable way of unifying Korea when the problem is essentially a political one. But perhaps the most depressing feature of East-West negotiations is that in the past the West and Russia have shown they have completely different definitions of such an essential basic term as "free and independent elections." It would be fatally easy to fall into the belief that if diplomacy fails, since "war is only an extension of diplomacy," military action is the next course. If the conference cannot achieve any concrete results at least the door should be left open for further talks.

"RESCUE DIEN BIEN PHU GARRISON" ORDER Defenders Almost At Their Last Gasp

From RUSSELL SPURR

Hanoi, Apr. 25.

The French Government has ordered General Navarre to "rescue" the gallant garrison of Dien Bien Phu. Or at least to press a diversionary attack which would draw off some of the 40,000 Vietminh rebels now closing in on the crumbling jungle fortress.

An urgent personal message from the French War Minister, M. Plevin, to the French Commander-in-Chief in Indo-China paid a tribute to the courage of General de Castries and his men, but asked "how much longer can they hold on?"

Already the main airstrip is in enemy hands. Ammunition, food and medical supplies are desperately short. New infiltration tactics by hand-picked Communist commandos are wearing down the weary defenders.

The situation is so grave that a state of emergency may be declared throughout Indo-China.

EDEN TELLS DULLES

Britain Cannot Give Substantial Aid To Indo-China

Geneva, Apr. 26.

A usually reliable source said here early this morning that Mr Anthony Eden told Mr John Foster Dulles the British Government had decided it could not give substantial aid to the French forces in Indo-China at present.

The two Foreign Secretaries met within an hour after Mr Eden arrived here last night from London, where he attended two emergency meetings of the Cabinet Defence Committee called by Sir Winston Churchill to discuss France's rapidly deteriorating military position in Indo-China.

The French Government is understood to have appealed for swift British and American help to relieve the Vietminh pressure and especially for military and transport aircraft.

The reason for the British decision was not known.

After M. Georges Bidault, French Foreign Minister, made the request at the three-Power talks in Paris yesterday, Mr Eden abandoned his plan to travel directly to Geneva and flew instead back to London for talks with Sir Winston Churchill.

A high American source said here last night the United States could not increase its already heavy aid to France without virtually becoming a belligerent in the conflict. Constitutional considerations alone prevented this and the United States could not directly intervene in Indo-China in present circumstances.

MEETING MOLOTOV

Shortly after Mr Eden and Mr Dulles met here last night, it was officially announced that Mr Eden would call on Mr Vyacheslav Molotov, the Soviet Foreign Minister, this morning to discuss final arrangements for the 19-nation conference on the future of Korea opening in the afternoon.

Main topic of the Eden-Molotov talk will be the question of chairmanship of the conference still undecided. Mr Eden is expected to seek Mr Molotov's agreement to a rotating chairmanship between the Big Four sponsoring Powers—Britain, France, the United States and the Soviet Union. But if Mr Molotov calls for the inclusion of Communist China in the rota, as he has

pledged to do, Mr Eden will put forward other alternatives agreed between the Western Foreign Ministers in Paris yesterday.

The alternatives for an agreement on chairmanship of the conference are believed to include the appointment of a permanent neutral chairman.

DULLES' OPPOSITION

Difficulty over chairmanship of the conference arose from the opposition of Mr John Foster Dulles, the American Secretary of State, to sit under the chairmanship of Communist China and North Korea, both branded as aggressors in Korea by the United Nations.

Mr Eden flew here during the night by way of Paris after talks in London on Saturday and Sunday, with Sir Winston Churchill.

He also attended an emergency meeting of the British Cabinet on Sunday morning. It was believed that his talks with the Prime Minister and the Cabinet meeting were focused on the worsening French military position in Indo-China. It was also believed that Mr Eden had arrived here with an up-to-date briefing on British military commitments in Southeast Asia as a result of his unexpected London talks.

Mr Eden told reporters in a brief statement at Geneva airport: "We are all very grateful to the Swiss Government for their friendly welcome. We join with them in hoping that this conference will make a lasting and enduring contribution to confidence and peace."

Cambodia has also taken the necessary steps in view of the small but serious Vietminh assault from Central Annam.

Prince Bu Loc, head of the Vietnamese Government, discussed the matter with General Navarre this weekend after flying to Hanoi for a detailed briefing on the crisis.

M. Plevin's message touched on some of the recent criticisms of the Dien Bien Phu operations.

It is recalled that the airborne seizure of the mountain stronghold had been intended to "loosen up" the costly guerrilla warfare and bring the French forces over to the offensive.

Instead they have been dropped into a trap. The War Minister urged General Navarre to "take all possible steps" to break up the siege and avert a disaster.

Plans are therefore being hastily prepared to reinforce the small French column marching eastward through the jungle from Moncahy.

Foreign Legion units have been flown in from Laos and sent marching off down the 100-mile trail.

The abortive seaborne operation in Central Annam has been suspended and troops alerted for transfer northward.

Paratroopers flown out from France this week are being concentrated at a large coastal airbase possibly for another airborne landing.

Armoured units in the embattled Hanoi delta have been pulled back for a hasty re-fit before "new operations."

Hanoi is 160 jungle miles from Dien Bien Phu.

ALMOST LAST GASP

French spokesmen privately admit that any relief campaign must hurry for Dien Bien Phu is almost at its last gasp.

Two-thirds of the fortress have been lost in the 45-day battle.

Vietminh rebels, reinforced from all over North Indo-China, have now hacked their way down the main airstrip. Their grenade-carrying advance units are 500 yards from General de Castries' headquarters.

One more surging advance — it seems — will swamp the defences. Supply problems are so grave that the troops seldom have more than one day's supply of ammunition.

The dropping zone is so small and radar-directed Chinese flak so accurate that as much as half of the recent air-drops have lately been falling in the Vietminh lines.

Reinforcement is growing equally difficult. The French are so short of parachutists that they are dropping in men who have never made an air jump. Two hundred legionnaires are reported to have been killed in a recent night drop. Seventy (Cont. on back page, Col. 8)

Earthquake Rocks Parts Of California

San Francisco, Apr. 25.

A "strong" 20-minute earthquake followed by a single aftershock rocked northern California today, cracking roads, setting off landslides and clearing public buildings and homes of panicky residents.

Seismologists said the tremor, which occurred at 1.33 p.m., was centred in the Ukiah-Hollister area at the intersection of the Santa Clara, San Benito and Santa Cruz county lines.

It registered a magnitude of five on instruments, which is considered "strong." It compares to a magnitude of 8.5 for the famed San Francisco 1906 earthquake which also occurred in April.

Reports of property damages in the San Francisco Bay area and northern California flooded into police authorities, but there were no immediate reports of injuries.

W. C. Marion, University of California seismologist, said the rolling shock was so prolonged because of its magnitude. It was followed by an aftershock at 2.28 p.m.

"An earthquake of such magnitude continues to give surface waves for some time," Marion said.

CAUSES LANDSLIDE

A landslide triggered by the quake blocked the Chitten Pass Road, West of Hollister near the Santa Cruz county line.

Floods of calls into the San Francisco police department reported cracked plaster, broken crockery, and swaying lights. Several sunset district callers said streets were being filled with neighbours who ran out of their homes with the jolt.

The Oakland police dispatcher said the tremor felt like a "ship rolling" and set lights to swaying throughout the radio room.

The quake was felt in San Francisco, Berkeley, Oakland, San Jose, Hollister, Alameda, San Bruno, Martinez, Pittsburg, Concord and Walnut Creek.

It reached down as far as Carmel on the Monterey peninsula.

It occurred 48 years and one week to the day after the famed San Francisco earthquake of 1906 which was followed by flames that nearly levelled the city, resulted in 452 dead, 1,500 injured and property damage of \$350,000,000.—United Press.

11 Killed In 3 Accidents

Manila, Apr. 26.

Eleven persons were killed in three violent accidents reported yesterday in widely separated parts of the Philippines.

Six persons were fatally injured and sixteen others hurt seriously when a lumber truck in which they were riding overturned in the Nueva Ecija province in central Luzon.

In another accident, two persons were killed and 15 others injured in a head-on collision between two trains in the Iloilo province in the Visayan Islands.

In the Batangas province on southern Luzon, a speeding transportation bus swiped a passenger truck, resulting in the death of one person and the injury of four others.

In nearby Pampanga, a two-year-old boy was knocked down and killed by a motor vehicle. (Cont. on back page, Col. 8)

Fire Halts Cold War

Berlin, Apr. 25.

The "cold war" was temporarily forgotten here today when West Berlin firemen joined East German People's Police and Soviet soldiers in fighting a forest blaze just outside Berlin.

East German border police allowed three West Berlin fire engines to pass over the British sector border into the Soviet zone where 40,000 square yards of a young forest plantation were in flames.

When the West Berlin firemen left the area after putting out the fire, a People's Police officer thanked them for their help.

This was the first time in years that East German police had allowed entry to West Berlin firemen. On previous occasions they had refused Western help.—Reuter.

CAR RIDDLED WITH BULLETS

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 26.

An Israeli Army spokesman said last night that an Israeli military vehicle was fired on yesterday near Miflissim, facing the Egyptian-held Gaza strip.

The car was riddled with bullets and a rescue party that arrived to help it also came under fire, the spokesman said.

United Nations observers investigated the incident. The Israeli spokesman said "Egyptian acts of aggression" along the Gaza strip had increased in the past few weeks.—Reuter.

Mrs Petrov Hustled On To Plane At Sydney



Radio picture received from Australia via London shows Mrs Petrov, wife of the Soviet diplomat who sought political asylum, being hustled to the plane that took her from Sydney to Darwin, en route to Russia. At Darwin Mrs Petrov also decided to request asylum in Australia, which was granted her. Central Press Photo.

Australian Diplomats Fail To Get Soviet Exit Visas

Moscow, Apr. 25.

The Australian Embassy staff in Moscow, under Russian orders to leave the Soviet Union, still waited for exit visas tonight while the train out of Russia left a Moscow station.

The Australians, headed by the Charge d'Affaires, Mr Brian Hill, were on Friday given two to three days in which to leave the Soviet Union.

They had been ordered to close down the Embassy after a Soviet diplomat, Mr Vladimir Petrov, and his wife had been given political asylum in Australia.

To comply with the Soviet order to quit, the Australians had to catch tonight's 8 o'clock through express from Moscow to Helsinki.

But at departure time they had neither exit visas nor railway tickets.

At 4.30 p.m. Mr Hill went to the Soviet Foreign Ministry and was told there was "no information" about the exit visas which the Australians must have before they can leave Russia.

At 7.30 p.m. the Australians telephoned the Foreign Ministry to ask if a Soviet official could meet them at Moscow's Leningrad station with their visas and tickets if they went to the station immediately.

A girl who answered the telephone said: "I do not know anything."

At 10 minutes before eight Mr Hill stood in the red-carpeted steps of his Embassy and conceded: "It is practically impossible to leave tonight."

NO INFORMATION

The Australians' passports, sent to the Foreign Ministry for endorsement with the exit visas, were still there.

When Mr Hill called at the Foreign Ministry earlier, he was unable to obtain any information about his travel facilities from Moscow.

Foreigners leaving the Soviet Union must have exit visas from the Soviet authorities and tickets for travel are issued to them only on authorisation by the Foreign Ministry.

The next through train to Helsinki from Moscow leaves on Tuesday night.

There is no way the Australians can get away from Moscow and out of the Soviet Union before then unless they fly.

That is difficult because they want to take with them the belongings they have been packing in the last two days.

Fifty cases and 25 trunks waited in the Embassy tonight while the minutes rolled on for the time of the departure of the Helsinki train—but there was no news from the Foreign Ministry.—Reuter.

Sweden has agreed to represent Soviet interests in Australia, it was learned tonight. The Soviet Union has broken off diplomatic relations with Australia after a dispute over Nikolai Petrov, the Soviet diplomat, who sought political asylum in Australia.—France-Press.

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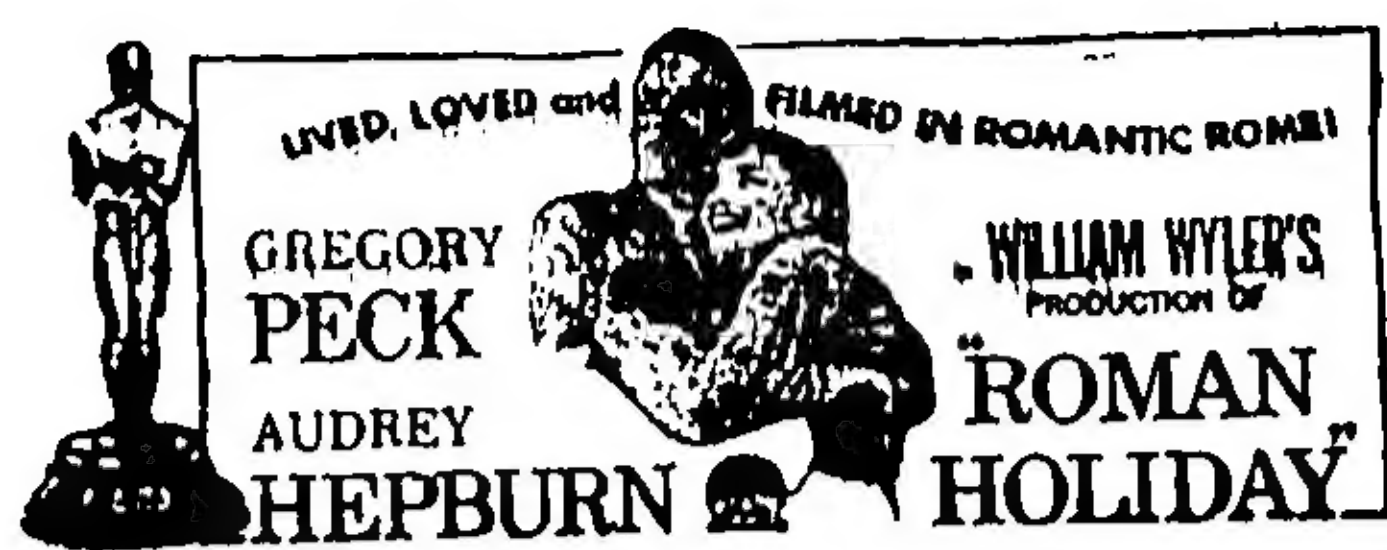
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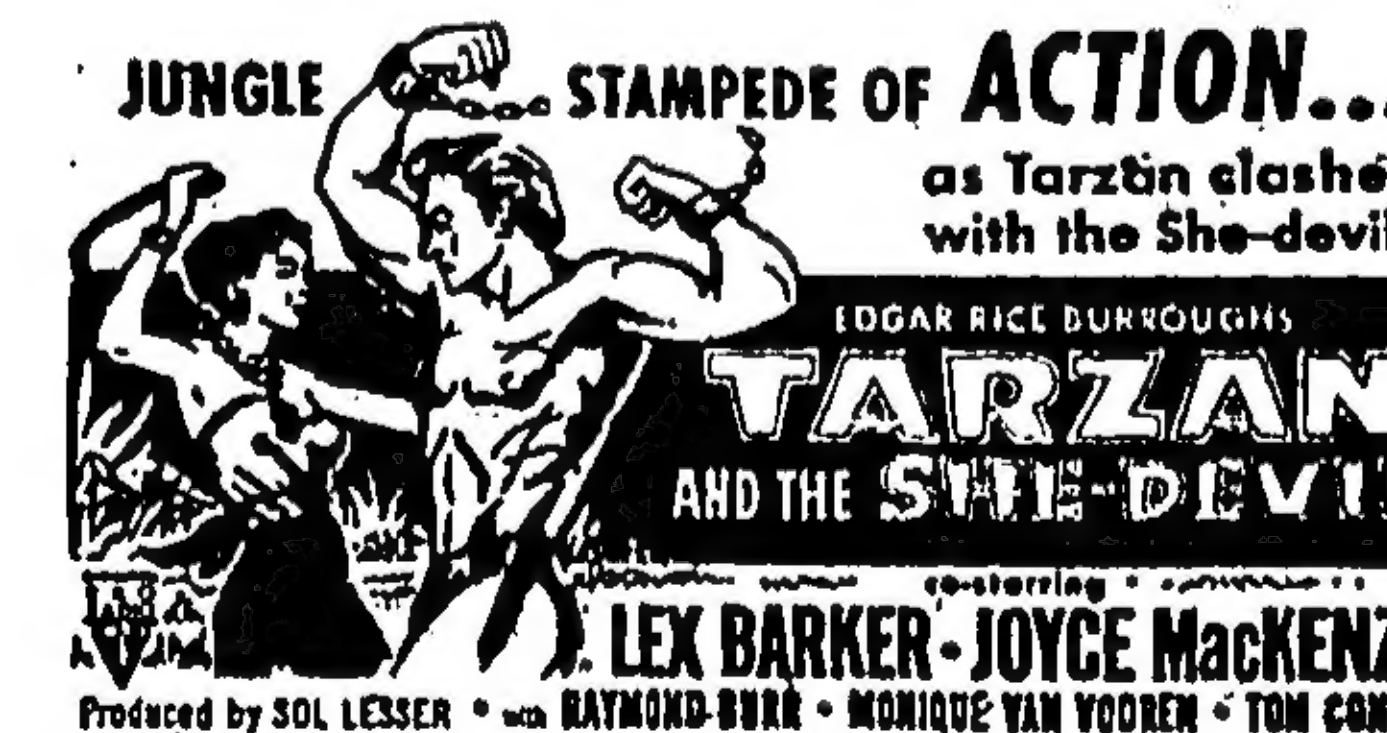
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McCARTHY ACCUSED OF LYING

Assistant Defence Secretary's Reply To Charges

Washington, Apr. 25.

The Assistant Defence Secretary Mr. H. Struve Hensel accused Sen. Joseph McCarthy today of lying about Mr Hensel's business dealings and said the Senator's own financial affairs should be investigated.

Mr Hensel made the charge in a 10-page formal reply to Senator McCarthy's charge that Mr Hensel "master-minded" Army charges against him and Roy M. Cohn to mask "misconduct and possible law violation."

Senator McCarthy, who returned only shortly before from a weekend speech-making jaunt, was not immediately available for comment on Mr Hensel's stinging counter-attack.

Mr Hensel's statement was filed with the Senate investigating sub-committee which resumes its inquiry tomorrow.

The defence official described Senator McCarthy's charges "malicious lie" and said the Senator must have known they were false when he made them.

Mr Hensel said his only role in the Army-McCarthy dispute was to supervise the preparation of the Army's original listing of events relating to it. This, he said, was done while he was still Defence Department general counsel.

As for his connection with a ship supply firm cited by Senator McCarthy, Mr Hensel said these dealings were "perfectly legitimate" and were "outside the scope" of the hearings anyway.

NO CONCLUSIONS

If the sub-committee did look into them, he said, "it should at the same time require Senator McCarthy to subject to the same scrutiny his financial affairs, which have been under investigation" by a Senate elections sub-committee.

The committee headed by Democratic Senator Guy Gillette of Iowa, raised a series of questions about Senator McCarthy's finances but reached no conclusions.

In such an inquiry Senator McCarthy should likewise be directed to produce all records of his own financial transactions for the same period, including his own income tax returns, and stand examination and cross-examination with respect thereto in the same manner as I am willing to do," Mr Hensel said.—United Press.

"SUBSTANTIAL DAMAGE"

New Haven, Connecticut, Apr. 25.

A committee of scientists said today security investigations initiated by Senator Joseph McCarthy had done substantial damage to work in progress at the Signal Corps engineering laboratories.

The Senate Investigations Sub-Committee and the Army Security Board opened an investigation at the laboratories at Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, following the Senator's allegations late last year of Communist subversion there.

An American federation of scientists committee said in a report today that the morale of workers at the laboratories had suffered and the investigations had caused large financial loss. It called on the President to appoint a "high level" committee to examine the situation.—Reuter.

Israel Anxious

Tel-Aviv, Apr. 25.

The United States decision to grant unconditional military aid to Iraq has caused anxiety in Israel, according to sources close to the Foreign Ministry. Officials recalled last month's statement by the Israeli Prime Minister, Mr Moshe Sharett, that "any issue of arms to Iraq is to be regarded by us as a serious detriment to our security."—Reuter.

Indian Consul Barred From Airport

Hanoi, Apr. 25.

French military guards yesterday barred the Indian Consul here, Mr Chaudhry, from entering Hanoi Civil Airport.

He drove to the airport — one of the main French air bases in Indo-China — to say goodbye to the Vietnam Prime Minister, Prince Bao Loc, who was leaving for Saigon after a visit here.

Mr Chaudhry said French soldiers stopped his car at a barrier on the outskirts of the airport. They examined his official identity documents but refused to admit him.

The Consul has protested in writing to General Rene Cogeny, Commander of the French Union forces in northern Indo-China, and the Governor of Northern Vietnam, Mr Nguyen Huu Tri. Vietnamese troops blew up 11 aircraft on the airport in a night raid last month. Since then guards have been strengthened and restrictions imposed on unauthorized persons.—Reuter.

Khokhlov Asks Russia: "Free My Wife"

Bonn, Apr. 25.

Captain Nikolai Khokhlov, Soviet "assassin" who surrendered to the American authorities in West Germany, will wait at least three weeks in the hope that Russia will let his wife and son join him in exile, American officials said today.

If they come, the family is expected to leave Europe immediately, probably for the United States, otherwise Captain Khokhlov may fly to the United States alone.

An American note on Friday protested to the Russians against the murder mission which brought Captain Khokhlov to the West. He told a press conference last week he was sent with two East Germans to kill a prominent anti-Communist Russian exile with poison bullet pistols.

The note gave the Moscow address and telephone number of Captain Khokhlov's wife, Yanina, and asked that she and their two-year-old son should be allowed to come to the West. Captain Khokhlov backed the request with an appeal over the Voice of America Radio.—Reuter.

Palm Sunday In Madrid



Maria de Laa (left) and Maria del Carmen, daughters of the Marquis and Marchioness of Villaverde, attended with their grandfather and grandmother, General Franco and his wife, the traditional Palm Sunday Procession in the grounds of the El Pardo Palace, Madrid.—Express Photo.

He Wants To Ban All Big A-Bombs But Keep Small Ones

New York, Apr. 25.

Rear-Admiral Elis Biorklund of the Royal Swedish Navy today made a new proposal for tackling "the burning problem" of control of atomic weapons.

In a letter published in the New York Times the Admiral said that instead of trying to attain a "maximum plan for prohibition" which had been proved impracticable, there should be a differentiation between minor and major atomic weapons.

Absolute prohibition was no longer possible as the United States, Britain and the Soviet Union had by now included the smaller atomic weapons "in their armies as well as in their navies and air forces."

But what could be done, he said, was to impose a limitation on the production and later to ban the use of atomic weapons above the size, say, of the bomb dropped on the Japanese city of Hiroshima in 1945.

Under the Admiral's plan, an atomic committee within the United Nations would be empowered to call for inspection in all countries and "it would devolve upon the United Nations to determine the measures to be taken against an offender with no possibility for the offender to veto the decision."

WORLD OPINION

"The pressure of world opinion should be an asset if and when any one nation showed signs of betraying its word," the Admiral said.

He suggested that the five-nation United Nations Disarmament Sub-Committee recently set up in New York, which is to meet in London next month, could consider a "practical proposal" on the lines suggested.

He also said that a "practical goal" would be reached if his suggestion could be worked in conjunction with President Eisenhower's plan for an atomic bank and a "denaturing" of already existing atomic materials delivered to such an institution.—Reuter.

Big Crowds At Moscow's Easter Mass

Moscow, Apr. 25.

Thousands of worshippers carrying sacred lighted candles blocked all approaches to the Yelokhovskiy Cathedral until early today during the Easter Mass.

Inside thousands more who arrived early enough to find a place to stand took part in the traditional service conducted by Patriarch Alexei, leader of the Russian Orthodox Church.

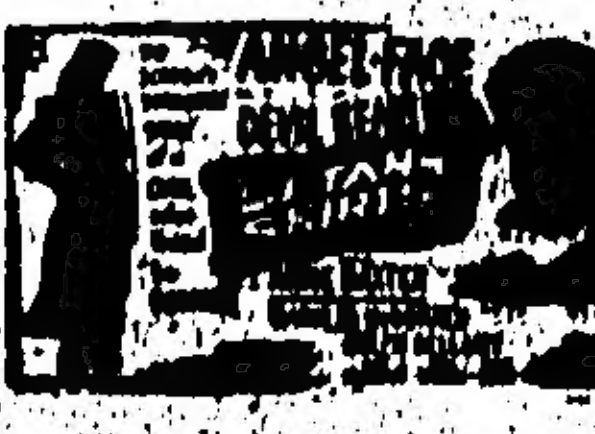
The crowds besieged diplomats let into the Cathedral through a special entrance asking them to light candles for them and bring them into the street.

Meanwhile thousands of Russians prayed all night at the famous monastery town of Zagorsk, 40 miles from here.—Reuter.

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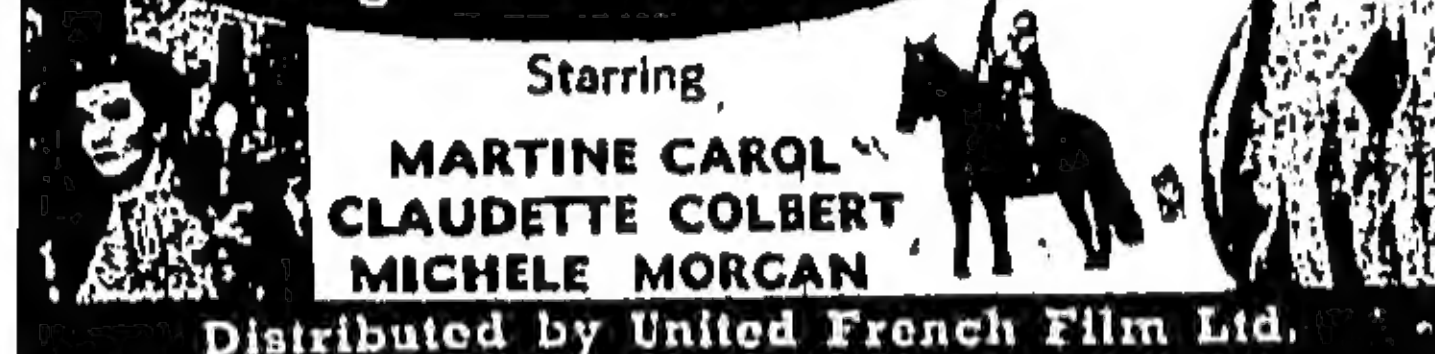


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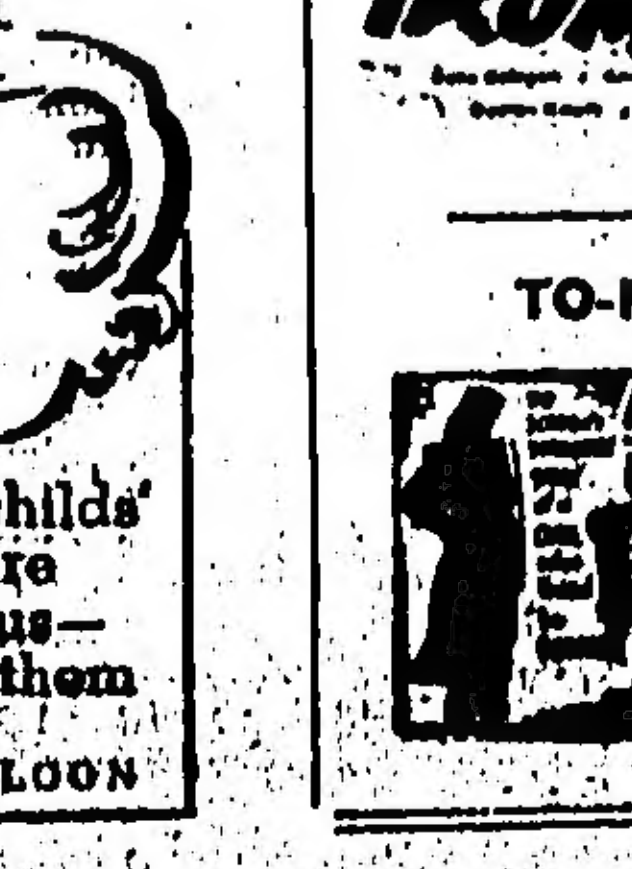
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Princess Distributes Maundy Coins



Princess Marie Louise, deputising for the Queen Mother, accompanied by the Dean of Westminster, Dr. Alan C. Don, at the Royal Maundy service at Westminster Abbey, London, on Maundy Thursday. The Princess distributed to deserving people the Maundy coins—a penny for each year of the Queen's life. The ceremony dates back to the days when the monarch washed the feet of the poor, symbolising Christ's washing of the apostles' feet. —Reuterphoto.

New "Jam Proof" Zip Developed In USA

New York, Apr. 25.

A member of the United States' 150,000,000-dollar zip fastener industry has announced the production of the first "truly jam proof" zip.

The new zip, called "jam proof," is made of a new material, and by its design it is a device which prevents jamming and is a sure to be applied after the zipper is entrenched.

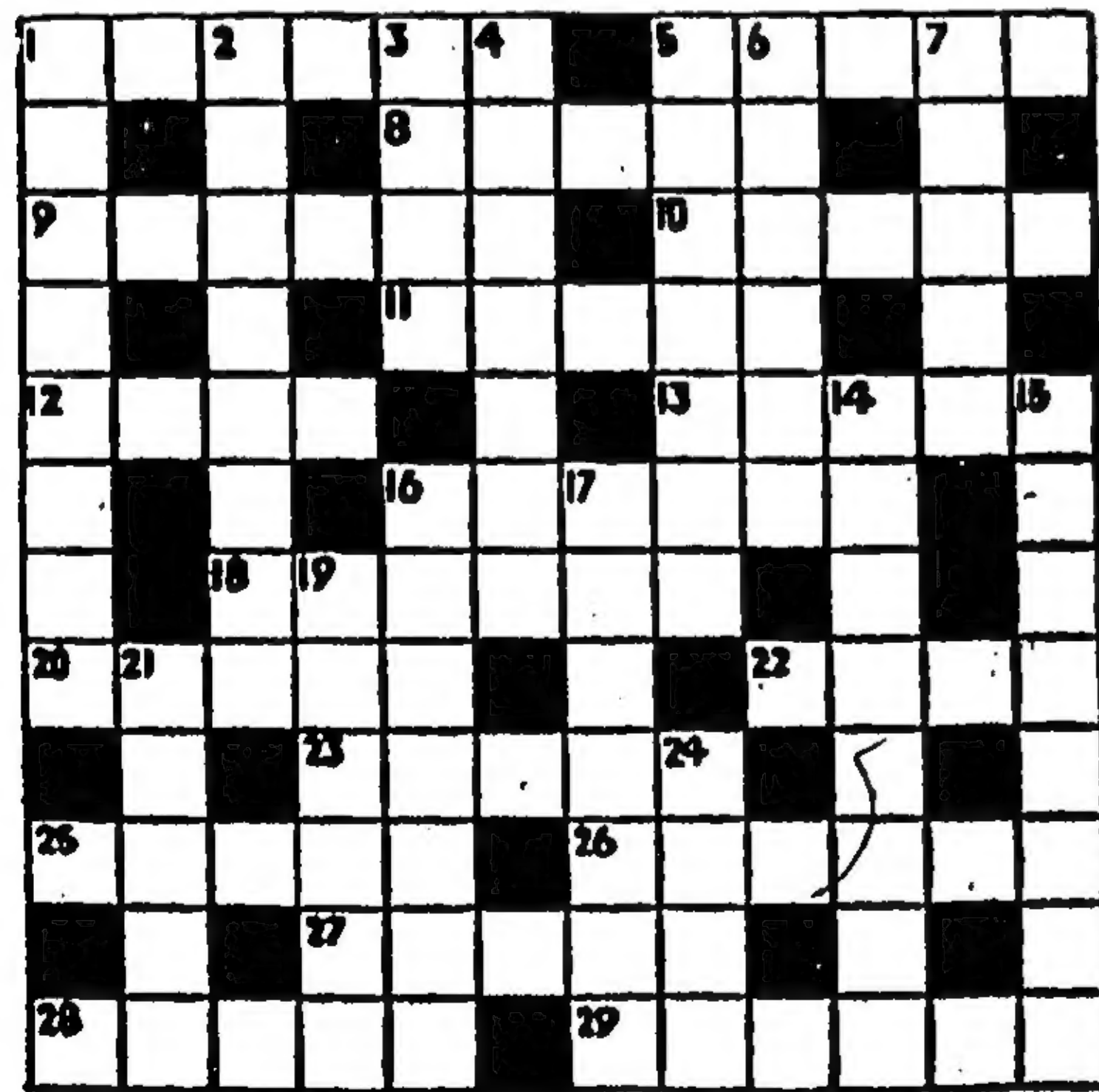
Not only will the new zip not get stuck, it is also designed to prevent jamming and is a sure to be applied after the zipper is entrenched. The new zip looks and feels like any other slide fastener. It has no jaws to prevent jamming and is a sure to be applied after the zipper is entrenched.

With ordinary zips adjacent materials often become caught between the slider and the zip track. This is called the "jam" type snag, and is eliminated in the new zip by a series of ridges and grooves inside the slider, which push the intruding material aside, ensuring unimpeded functioning of the zip.

In the second, or "undergarment" type of snag, a foreign body such as a fold in a slip becomes lodged between either the top or the bottom of the slider and the track.

To avoid this difficulty, the new zipper has a series of internal grooves which bunch up the material and cause the slider to "step dead" in its tracks without permitting the material to become wedged in the mechanism. A slight pull frees the slider again.

A British Crossword Puzzle



ACROSS
1 Commotion (6).
2 Slaves (6).
3 Rescued (6).
4 Evergreen (6).
5 Duck (6).
6 Strips of wood (5).
7 Demeanour (4).
8 Multitudes (6).
9 Agree to (6).
10 Tried out (6).
11 Smooths (6).
12 Expression (4).
13 Potato, for example (6).
14 Note in music (6).
15 Dried fruit (6).
16 Tree (6).
17 Laces (6).
18 Let on contract (6).
DOWN
1 Companion (8).
2 Dark girl (6).
3 Employed (4).
4 Makeweight (7).
5 Balled (7).
6 Famous inventor (6).
7 Swift (6).
8 Account (6).
9 Called (6).
10 Taken for granted (7).
11 More than one (7).
12 Lure (6).
13 Utter (6).
14 Uncommon (4).
15 Eggs, 7 Vield, 8 Oily, 9 Seal, 10 Gormane, 12 Ebbs, 13 Emits, 14 Snap, 15 Tango, 16 Route, 22 Sang, 23 Satin, 24 Glen, 25 Renewed, 30 Damp, 31 Fog, 32 Debar, 33 Ends, 34 Down, 35 Cider, 36 Allment, 4 Great, 5 Sole, 6 Club, 9 Snap, 11 Amass, 13 Bung, 14 Show, 16 Stain, 17 Bree, 18 Sure, 20 Annexes, 22 Step, 24 Arched, 25 Metal, 27 Lull, 28 Edge.

BIG MAU MAU
ROUND-UP
8,320 Arrested In
Nairobi Sweep

Nairobi, Apr. 25.

Security forces detained 8,320 Mau Mau suspects in Nairobi this week-end, in the biggest mass round-up in the Kenya emergency.

In a lightning sweep on the city's two biggest African quarters and an Asian district, beginning before dawn on Saturday, more than 12,000 men were screened by interrogation teams.

3 Killed
In Election
Rioting

Buenos Aires, Apr. 25.

Three persons were reported killed today in election-day violence as Argentinians voted to elect a vice-president and half the members of both Houses of Parliament.

Police in Colonia Carolina, in Comarcas province, said two policemen and a Peronista Party official, Marcos Nunez, were killed in two election incidents there.

The report said the police, one of them an officer, were slain by a member of the Radical Party, which is vying with the government Peronista Party in the balloting.

Some 400 provincial legislators and 1200 city mayors also were to be elected.

The polls opened throughout the nation at 8 a.m. and will close at 6 p.m.

An intermittent drizzle, which later turned into a down-pour, caused no fall-off in the turnout.

President Juan D. Peron was the first to ballot in his voting district, only four minutes after the polls opened. The voters will elect 18 Senators and 79 Deputies.—United Press.

Eisenhower Returns
To Washington

Augusta, Georgia, Apr. 25.

President Eisenhower took off for Washington today to end a 10-day vacation and begin a busy week of important conferences.

The President played a final round of golf over the Augusta national golf course before he and Mrs. Eisenhower and Mrs. John Doud of Denver, Mrs. Eisenhower's mother, boarded the Presidential plane, the Columbine.

An estimated 2,000 persons were at the airport to bid the Eisenhowers goodbye and a number of Augusta residents lined the streets as the President's car drove through town to the airport.—United Press.

Royal Family Reunion
Getting NearerFarewell
Party
On Gothic

Aboard Royal Yacht, Apr. 25.

Queen Elizabeth and the Duke of Edinburgh went to a farewell party given by the Shaw Savill Line, the owners of the Gothic, on the games deck today, and they will leave the Gothic at Aden and complete their tour by air and the Queen's yacht Britannia.

Members of the Royal Household and naval and ship's officers attended the party.

Late in the afternoon the Gothic passed a number of ships which dipped their ensigns in salute.

During the morning the Queen and the Duke attended a service on deck as the Gothic steamed at a steady 16 knots through placid blue waters.

They also inspected a parade of the Gothic's company and naval ratings in the Royal games deck off.

The Gothic will reach Aden on Tuesday morning. It has been a floating home for the Queen and the Duke since last November, when they embarked at Jamaica.—Reuter.

For 48 hours large areas of Kenya's capital were swarming with nearly 8,000 troops, police and home guards, in an all-out effort to clear the city of Mau Mau gangsters, thugs, crooks and under-cover agents.

Tonight, many thousands of suspects have been sent in special trains to two detention camps erected on the route to Mombasa.

More than 1,700 wives of detainees and their children, are being taken by road and rail to Kikuyu reserves where they will be cared for by relatives and tribal elders.

Most British troops withdrew from the native locations tonight to camps scattered throughout the city.

THIN CORDON

But a thin cordon of African troops, European, Asian and African home guards and police reservists, was maintained round the city to prevent any mass exodus to the reserves.

Although the major part of "Operation Anvil" was completed tonight, operations will continue on a smaller scale in Nairobi until law and order are re-established, a military spokesman said.

Large scale security leaks were believed to have warned a number of top Mau Mau leaders that the sweep was imminent, and given them time to get clear of the city.—Reuter.

APOLOGY

General Sir George Erskine, East African Commander-in-Chief, today apologised for the action of security forces who searched the Indian Commissioner's office here during the mass round-up of Mau Mau suspects this weekend.

General Erskine called on the Acting Indian Commissioner, Raj Krishna Tandon, who had complained that men of the Kenya Regiment entered his office and detained African employees.

High ranking officers visited Mr. Tandon after the incident and explained that it was a mistake. General Erskine has ordered an official inquiry.—Reuter.

ONE WAS 74

Lisbon, Apr. 25.

Successful entrants to the national primary school examinations here this year included a man of 74.

Over 1,000 adults took part in the tests as the result of Government propaganda to overcome illiteracy.

About 85 per cent of them passed.—China Mail Special.

Children
Ride In
"Dodgems"

Valetta, Malta, Apr. 25.

Prince Charles and Princess Anne today visited the aircraft carrier Eagle and had rides in the ship in "Dodgems."

At one point the young Prince excitedly urged his sailor driver to try to catch up Princess Anne in another "Dodgem."

After the "race" both children posed for a battery of amateur photographers among the Eagle's crew before leaving the carrier for the Royal yacht Britannia.

They did not go ashore this afternoon but toured Valetta harbour and the nearby Silema harbour in the Royal barge.

The children later returned to the Britannia after their boat trip because the weather prevented their going ashore for a picnic.

The Royal children are spending eight days at Malta in the Britannia on their way to meet the Queen and the Duke of Edinburgh returning from their Commonwealth tour.—Reuter.

The "Gobs" Play Marbles At Tinsley Green

US Chamber Of
Commerce To Back
Indo-China Aid

Washington, Apr. 25.

The Chamber of Commerce of the United States will pass a resolution endorsing American aid to non-Communist forces in Indo-China if proposals made public today are followed at the Chamber's annual meeting.

The resolution is one of many the delegates will vote on next Wednesday at the close of a three-day session. Most of them re-state the Chamber's policy on domestic and foreign issues, sometimes with revisions.

The Chamber's current policy plank on Southeast Asia emphasizes the importance of preventing Communist domination of the area and urges assistance to improve economic conditions and political stability there.

The new resolution on that area expands the policy by specifically endorsing aid to the forces battling the Reds in Indo-China.

Other new or revised resolutions include those which would put the Chamber in favour of:

1. Continued opposition to Red China's entry into the United Nations.

2. Improvement of trade between Japan and the free world.

3. Every effort to unify Korea by peaceful means; action by the United States and other free nations to ensure that any new Red aggression against South Korea would be met promptly and effectively; and the reconstruction of Korea by United States and all other nations.

4. Improvements in the United Nations Charter, and participation by the Chamber's member groups in the observance of United Nations Day.

5. Preservation of a healthy domestic industry in the disposition and acquisition of stockpile materials.

6. Modernisation of the United States privately-owned merchant fleet.

7. Loans by the Export-Import Bank, as a healthy and useful adjunct to private banking, to friendly countries in fields which do not attract private investors, providing such loans are in the interest of the United States.

8. Foreign economic aid on a grant basis only when it contributes to the security of the United States—for instance, in countries which cannot maintain their defensive strength against Communism out of their own resources.

9. Planning by private industry for dispersal of employees, protection of vital tools, and similar measures in case of enemy attack, and screening of employees to prevent Communist agents or sympathisers from stealing secrets or committing sabotage.

10. An international programme to develop atomic power for peaceful purposes and consider exchange of atomic information under safeguards for United States security.—United Press.

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Big Jump In
Illegitimate
Birth RateOlder Women
To Blame

London, Apr. 25.

Responsibility for the great increase in illegitimate births in England and Wales during World War II did not lie with young girls but with older women, the latest volume of the official war history says.

Illegitimate births rose by 102,000 in the six years of the war over the six years preceding it.

The authors of the history, Mrs. Sheila Ferguson and Mrs. Hilda Fitzgerald, say that illegitimate births among mothers under 35 was lower than in 1938-39.

However between the ages of 30 and 35 the war average exceeded the pre-war level by 41 per cent; and at 40 and 45 by 29 per cent.

The authors ask, "Was this explanation to be sought in differing levels of knowledge in birth control among younger and older unmarried women?"

"And is it relevant that the maximum rise, among women aged from 30 to 35, occurred in the group who passed much of their childhood in the first world war?"

The authors quoted from a Home Office survey which said that the sudden influx of American soldiers during the war went to the heads of young girls brought up on the cinema and who copied the dress, hair styles and manners of Hollywood film stars.

"The American attitude to women, their proneness to spoil a girl, to build up, exaggerate, to seduce with generosity and flamboyance, helped to make them the most attractive boy friends," the reports said.

"In addition they 'picked up easily' and even a comparatively plain and unattractive girl stood a chance."—Reuter.

May Day Call For
Peace In Asia

Paris, Apr. 25.

The New China News Agency today issued the text of a May Day order put out by the Chinese Communist Government, calling for the preservation of the peace and security of Asia, and the restoration of peace in Indo-China.

It called also for opposition to the "intervention of the American imperialists and the extension of the Indo-China war," and the condemning of atomic, thermodynamic, and bacteriological weapons.

The order also said: "Salute to the great Soviet Union, which continues triumphantly in the building up of Communism."

Long live the Soviet Union, the invincible bastion of world peace and the inspirer of the Chinese people's work of reconstruction."—France-Press.

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NO MILLIONAIRES AMONG THE BRITISH ROTHSCHILDS

By FRANCIS MARTIN

AFTER a lapse of 15 years gold is again having its pulse taken in the City every morning at 10.30. At that hour six sober-suited experts go up a stair from the ground floor to the first at New Court, St. Swithin's Lane.

On the landing under the skylight they glance at the Victorian oil painting of the first Lord Rothschild in hunting pink with foxhounds arranged around him in elegant attitudes. Passing into the stately Gold Fixing Room, they sit on Regency chairs around an oval table with green baize top.

All are bullion brokers or gold refiners. Their business at this daily session is to assess demand and supply in gold and determine its price on the London market.

Suspended in 1939, on the outbreak of the war, private trading in gold has been revived this week on a restricted basis.

On the walls of the Gold Fixing Room hang portraits painted a century and a half ago of five crowned heads — the Emperor of Austria, the Empress of Russia and the kings of Prussia, Portugal and Holland to whose countries Nathan Mayer Rothschild paid out subsidy millions on behalf of Britain during the Napoleonic Wars.

Fat Profit

These transactions brought fat profit to the London house of Rothschild, which Nathan Mayer had founded a few years earlier. They also greatly buttressed Rothschild prestige. That New Court has again become the official hub of the London gold market is proof that the Rothschilds' prestige still stands high.

But what of Rothschild power? Once upon a time the family had banks, counting houses and strong rooms in five European capitals. They influenced or, as some alleged, dictated the financial policies of half the world. Since then three of the five branches have been wiped out by wars and political upheavals, leaving only London and Paris.

The Rothschilds of the palmy days lived in private palaces as

chickablock with treasures as public art galleries, and entertained as lavishly as kings. Since Edwardian days there has been a certain clipping of wings.

The present Lord Rothschild, who worked at New Court for two months as a young man but found it boring and became a research scientist instead, says, "Owing to death duties, etc., I doubt if any British-born Rothschild is a millionaire in the strict sense of the word. But I also doubt if any of them fails to come into the category of being exceedingly well-off."

The present senior partner, Anthony Gustav de Rothschild, great grandson of Nathan Mayer, is small, dry, reticent, polite and 66.

Strap-hanger

Every morning he comes up to Euston on his season ticket from Leighton Buzzard, where he lives in a big house now owned by the National Trust, who accepted also his old master and late Oriental porcelain. From Euston to St. Swithin's Lane he travels by tube, sometimes strap-hanging, sometimes with his head in his newspaper.

Sitting at his great, brass-cased desk in the partners' room, Mr. Anthony presides informally at policy conferences, interviews important clients from all over the world, and on an exceptionally busy day, signs up to 1,000 documents, including letters, cheques and bills of exchange.

POCKET CARTOON by OSBERT LANCASTER



"I trust, Ursula, there's no need for me to remind you that we've no room for any Anna Pawkers in the Whippoorwill!"

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No Idea

"Nobody has the faintest idea how they got there," says Mr. Anthony. Here is a yellowed chart listing gold coins and gold ingots which Nathan Mayer impudently smuggled across a hostile France to Wellington's starving troops in the Peninsula.

But enough of relics. With the reopening of the Fixing Room upstairs, gold has come back to the City in a more realistic way. And New Court has recaptured a bit of its old glory.

The new exploits of SHERLOCK HOLMES

WHAT HAS GONE BEFORE: Colonel Matthias Addleton, the richest landowner in the region of Ashdown Forest, Sussex, is found dead in the manor house of Foulkes Rath after dinner one evening with his skull split open with an axe. The household at Foulkes Rath consisted of Squire Addleton, his nephew Percy Longton, the butler Morstead and four servants. According to a newspaper report, there had been heated words between the Squire and his nephew that evening which had been overheard by the household, and, dying in the butler's arms, Addleton had whispered, "It was Long-ton!" The affair brings the family lawyer, Mr. Vincent, to consult Sherlock Holmes, and together with Dr. Watson, they set out for Foulkes Rath.

WE had topped the hill and I was absorbed in the wonderful view of the moorland rolling away and away to the faint blue distances of the Sussex Downs when Mr. Vincent touched my arm and pointed ahead.

"Foulkes Rath," he said. On a crest of the moor stood a quaint rambling house of grey stone flanked by a line of stables. A series of fields running from the very walls of the ancient mansion merged into a

wilderness of yellow gorse and heather ending in a deep wooded valley, whence arose a pencil of smoke and the high distant droning of a steamship. "The Ashdown Timber Mills," volunteered Mr. Vincent. Those woods lie beyond the boundary of the estate and there is not another neighbour within three miles. But here we are, Mr. Holmes, and a sorry welcome it is to the manor house of Foulkes Rath.

At the sound of our wheels upon the drive an elderly man, servingly in a dark coat and a beetle-browed Tudor doorway and now, on catching sight of our companion, he hurried forward with an exclamation of relief.

"Thank God you've come, sir," he cried. "Mrs. Longton, she has returned," he interposed. Mr. Vincent sharply. "Poor lady, I will go to her at once."

"Sergeant Clare is here, sir, and—er—a person from the London Police."

"Very well, Morstead," "One moment," said Holmes. "Has your master's body been moved?"

"He has been laid in the gun-room, sir."

"I trust that nothing else has been disturbed?" Holmes demanded sharply.

"Now that you mention it, the sleeves were bloodstained."

"Tut, that is natural enough considering that he helped to raise the dying man's head. There is little to be gained from the sleeves. You have the dressing gown there?"

The Scotland Yard man rummaged in a Gladstone bag and drew out a grey woollen robe.

"This is it," "H'm. Stains on the sleeves and hem. Not even a mark on the front. Curious but, alas, inconclusive. And this is the weapon?"

Lestrade had drawn from his bag a most fearsome object. It was a short-handled axe made entirely of steel, with a broad crescent-edged blade and a narrow neck.

"This is certainly a very ancient specimen," said Holmes, examining the blade through his lens. "Incidentally, where was the wound inflicted?"

"The whole top of Squire Addleton's skull was cleft like a rotten apple," answered Lestrade. "Indeed, it was a miracle that he regained consciousness even for a moment. An unfortunate miracle for Mr. Longton," he added.

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Continuing The Adventure Of Foulkes Rath

The Skull Was Cleft Like A Rotten Apple

"Oh, he did, did he?" snapped Inspector Lestrade, with a baleful glance at the little lawyer. "Well, it's too late now for any of Mr. Holmes' fine theories. We have our man. Good day, gentlemen."

"Just a moment, Lestrade," said I. "You've made mistakes in the past, and it is not impossible that you may make them in the future. In this case, if you have the right man—and I must confess that up to now I believe that you have—then you have nothing to lose in my confirmation. On the other hand—"

"Ah, it's always on the other hand," However, Lestrade added grudgingly, "I do not see that you can do any harm. If you want to waste your own time, Mr. Holmes, that's your business. Yes, Doctor Watson, it's a nasty sight, isn't it?"

I had followed Sherlock Holmes to the fireplace at the far end of the room, only to recoil before the spectacle that met my eyes. Across the oak stain of partly congealed blood, while the hearth and fireplace and even the nearby wainscoting were hideously dappled with gouts and splashes of crimson.

Mr. Vincent, white to the lips, turned away and collapsed into a chair. However, Lestrade enquired abruptly, "I take it, Lestrade, that there were no footprints on—"

He gestured toward that dreadful floor, replied Lestrade with a bitter smile, "and it fitted Mr. Percy Longton's bedroom slipper."

"Ah, it would seem that you are learning. By the way, what of the accused man's dressing gown?"

"Well, what of it?" "The walls! Surely the blood-spattered front of Longton's robe goes far towards completing your case."

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"Quite so. But whom have we here? No, Madam, not a step nearer, I beg! This fireplace is no sight for a woman."

A slim graceful girl, clad in the deepest mourning, had rushed into the room. Her dark eyes shone with almost fevered brilliancy in the whiteness of her face, and her hands were clasped before her in an agony of distress.

"Save him," she cried wildly. "He is innocent, I swear it! Oh, Mr. Sherlock Holmes, save my husband!"

I do not think that any of us, even Lestrade, remained unmoved.

"I will do whatever lies in my power, Madam," said Holmes gently. "Now tell me about your husband."

"Quite so. But I mean physically. For instance, would you say that he was taller than Squire Addleton?"

Mrs. Longton looked at Holmes in amazement. "Good Heavens, no," she cried. "Why, the Squire was over six feet tall."

"Ah. Now, Mr. Vincent, perhaps you can inform me when it was that Squire Addleton first began to sell portions of the estate?"

"The first sale occurred two years past, the second some six months ago," replied the lawyer hurriedly. "And now, Mr. Holmes, unless you require my presence, I propose to take Mrs. Longton back to the drawing-room."

While we waited, Holmes strolled to the window and, with his hands behind his back and his chin sunk upon his breast, stared out over the empty landscape. Lestrade, who had returned to his desk, chewed the end of his pen and watched him curiously.

"Ah, Morstead," said Holmes, as the butler entered. "Doubtless you are anxious to do everything possible to assist Mr. Longton, and I wish you to understand that we are here with the same purpose."

The man looked nervously from Lestrade to Holmes.

"Come, now," my friend continued. "I am sure that you can help us. For instance, perhaps you can recall whether the Squire received any letters by yesterday's post."

"There was a letter, sir, yes," "Ah! Can you tell me more?" "I'm afraid not, sir. It bore the local postmark, and seemed a very ordinary cheap envelope such as they use hereabouts. But I was surprised—"

"The man hesitated for a moment. "Yes, something surprised you. Something, perhaps, in the Squire's manner?" asked Holmes quietly.

"Yes, Sir, that's it. As soon as I gave it to him, he opened it, and as he read there came a look in his face that made me glad to get out of the room. When I returned later, the Squire had gone out and there were bits of burnt paper smouldering in the grate."

Holmes rubbed his hands together. "Your assistance is invaluable, Morstead," said he.

"Now, think carefully. Six months ago, as you probably know, your master sold some land. You cannot, of course, recall a similar letter at about that time?"

"No, sir."

"Naturally not. Thank you, Morstead, I think that is all. Something in his voice made me glance at Holmes, and I was amazed at the change in him. His eyes gleamed with excitement and a touch of colour showed in his cheeks."

"Sit down, Watson," he cried. "Over there on the trestle. Then, whipping his lens from his pocket, he commenced his examination."

I watched him enthralled. The bloodstains, the fireplace, the mantelpiece, the very floor itself were subjected to a careful and methodical scrutiny as his hands and knees, his long thin nose within a few inches of the parquet, and the lens in his hands catching an occasional sparkle from the light of the dying sun.

A Persian rug lay in the centre of the room and, on reaching the edge of it, I saw him stiffen suddenly.

"You should have observed this, Lestrade," he said softly. "There are faint traces of a footmark here."

"What of it, Mr. Holmes," grinned Lestrade, with a wink at me. "Plenty of people have passed over that rug."

"But it has not rained for days. The foot which made this mark was slightly moist, and I need not tell you that there is something in this room which would easily account for that."

Hullo, what have we here? Holmes had scraped something from the mat and was closely examining it through his lens. Lestrade and I joined him.

"Well, what is it?" "Without a word, Holmes passed him the lens and held out his hand."

"Dust," announced Lestrade, peering through the glass. "Pinewood dust," replied Holmes quietly. "The fine grain is unmistakable. You will note that scarping the traces of the footmark."

"Really, Holmes," I cried. "I cannot see—"

My friend looked at me with a gleaming eye. "Come, Watson," said he, "we will stretch our legs as far as the stables."

In the cobbled yard, we came on a groom drawing water from a pump. I have remarked before that Holmes possessed a gift for putting the working classes at their ease and, after exchanging a few words, the man lost so much of his Sussex reserve that when my friend threw out the suggestion that it might be difficult to name which of the horses had been used by his master on the previous night, the information was instantly forthcoming.

"It was Ranger, sir," volunteered the groom. "Here in this stall. You'd like to see her hoof?"

"Well, why not. There you are, and you can scrape away with your knife to your heart's content and not a stone will you find."

Holmes, after closely examining a fragment of earth which he had taken from the horse's hoof, placed it carefully in an envelope and, pressing a half-sovereign into the groom's hand, strode out of the yard.

"Well, Watson, it only remains for us to collect our hats and sticks before returning to our man," he announced briskly.

"Ah, Lestrade," he continued, as the Scotland Yard man appeared in the front door. "I would draw your attention to the fireplace chair."

"But there is no fireplace chair."

"That is why I draw your attention to it. Come, Watson, there is nothing further to be learnt here tonight."

The evening passed pleasantly enough, though I was somewhat irritated with Holmes who, while refusing to answer any of my questions on the grounds that they could be better answered on the morrow, encouraged our landlord to converse on local topics which could hold no interest whatever for strangers like ourselves.

When I awoke the next morning I was surprised to learn that my friend had breakfasted and gone out some two hours earlier. I was concluding my own breakfast when he strolled in, looking invigorated by his exercise in the open air.

"Where have you been?" I enquired. "Following the example of the early bird, Watson," he chuckled. "If you have finished, then let us drive to Foulkes Rath and pick up Lestrade. There are times when he has his definite uses."

Half an hour later saw us once more at the old mansion. Lestrade, who greeted us rather surlily, stared at my companion in amazement.

"But why a walk on the moors, Mr. Holmes?" he snapped. "What has got into your bonnet this time?"

Holmes' face was very stern, as he turned away. "Very well," said he. "I had hoped to give you the undivided credit of capturing the murderer of Squire Addleton."

Lestrade caught my companion by the arm. "Man, are you serious?" he demanded. "But the evidence! Every single fact points clearly to—"

Sherlock Holmes raised his stick and pointed silently down the long slope of fields and heather to the distant wooded valley.

"There," he said quietly. "It was a walk that I will long remember. I am sure that Lestrade had no more idea than I had of what lay before us as we followed Holmes' tall spare figure across the meadows and down the rough sheep track that led into the desolation of the moor. It was a mile or more before we reached the beginning of the valley and plunged down into the welcome shade of the pinewoods through which the whirling of the steamship vibrated like the hum of some monstrous insect. The air grew redolent with the tang of burning wood, and a few minutes later we found ourselves among the buildings and timber stacks of the Ashdown Saw Mills."

Holmes led the way without hesitation to a hut marked "Manager," and knocked sharply. There was a moment of waiting, and then the door was flung open.

"To Be Concluded Tomorrow."





"That's what I like about you folks—you can take a hint!"

• BY THE WAY • by Beachcomber

This is the first time for 356 years that March 29 has fallen on a Monday.
Prodness: That sounds most unlikely. Have you checked it carefully?
Myself: No. It is the kind of statement that starts a discussion and makes people look things up.

The Bloodstained

Poodle (XXI)

If Ian Curran had known that when he left his passport with the reception clerk at the Excelsior Hotel in New York it would be immediately taken to the huge laundry, he would not have accepted a drugged cocktail from a lady in the lounge who said she was the Marquise de Fautin-Ricametz. So while Ian lay in a stupor on the floor, the Marquise, who of course, he had telephoned to the Ministry of Murder, denouncing the laundry as a counter-espionage police station, was busy with her own business. Prodness: One moment. But there something left out?

WHAT'S HIS LINE?

THOMAS CRIER

Rearrange the letters to spell his occupation.
(Solution on Page 10)

YOUR BIRTHDAY... By STELLA

MONDAY, APRIL 26

BORN today, you have vaunting ambition—but rather for the sake of bringing those you love material wealth and happiness than for your own personal advancement. You have a natural intelligence, artistic talent, the ability to make all kinds of people like you and a capacity for making friends.

Your ties of home and kin are strong and you will do everything within your power to bring happiness to those you love. Since you have an active nature, you will be interested in something going on all the time. If events are moving off for somewhere else, where things are more exciting, you are fond of beautiful clothes and jewelry. If a woman, and will

TUESDAY, APRIL 27

Taurus (Apr. 21-May 20)—Avoid taking things too much for granted. You must work hard for what you want, so be aggressive.

Gemini (May 21-June 21)—Be sure to tell the honest and trustworthiness of a stranger before you invite mutual confidence.

Cancer (June 22-July 23)—Originality and the full use of all the talents given you by the stars will show profitable results now.

Leo (July 24-Aug. 23)—Step up your routine and make it more efficient so that you will have some spare time for doing things you enjoy.

Virgo (Aug. 24-Sept. 23)—Rather than do the wrong thing, it might be wise to postpone an important action, if in any doubt.

Libra (Sept. 24-Oct. 23)—If there is a possible chance now for a promotion, push the prospects. Get it!

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 22)—Your native tact can help you reach an objective. A positive attitude will also help a great deal.

Sagittarius (Nov. 23-Dec. 22)—Be patient and conscientious on your present job, even if things do appear to be a long time coming your way.

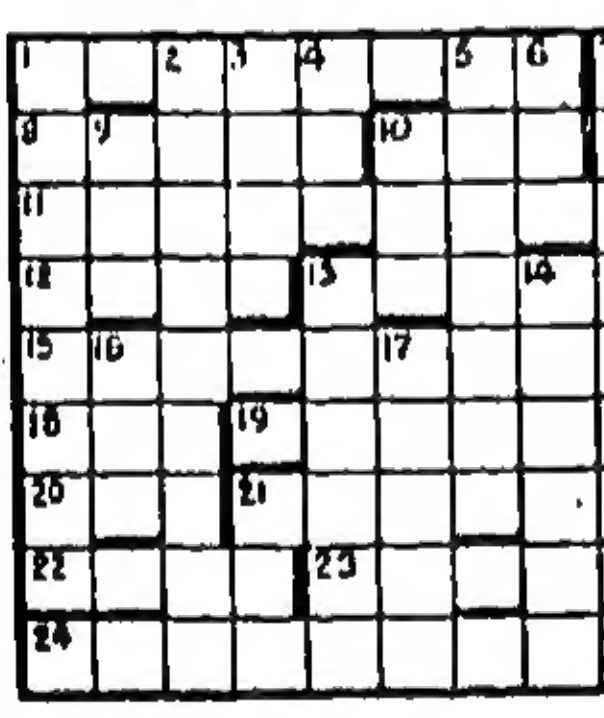
Capricorn (Dec. 23-Jan. 20)—It is possible you'll have a really bad attack of spring fever! Do the best you can do until it passes.

Aquarius (Jan. 21-Feb. 19)—Find out what you really want most out of life and then go after it. Seek your own happiness.

Pisces (Feb. 20-Mar. 20)—A day in which caution is advised as you are embarking upon a very important project. Give every idea a second serious thought.

Aries (Mar. 21-Apr. 20)—This could turn into a romantic day, if you are so inclined. This

CROSSWORD



- West side roundabout for your meal. (8)
- Tense—but it sounds like a Crazy Quilt word. (10)
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DUMB-BELLS



MY TRAIN LEAVES IN FIVE MINUTES. YES, I HAVE TO CHECK MY LUGGAGE. COULD YOU GET A TICKET FOR ME? AND A SANDWICH FOR YOU?

JACOBY ON BRIDGE

Hero Needs Luck To Win Game

By OSWALD JACOBY

"HOW was I to know?" asks a Pittsburgh reader. "I let South make the accompanying hand, but I thought at the time that I was making a good play. How could I tell that I was going to be a goat instead of a hero?"

"West, my partner, opened the six of spades. Dummy played the nine, I covered with the jack, and South won with the ace. South now dressed the queen of diamonds to my king."

"I couldn't tell how good my partner's spades were, but I knew that my hearts were very good. Hence I returned the king of hearts."

"South won with the ace of diamonds and gave up a diamond trick to my jack. Now I could take the queen and jack of hearts, but South still had a stopper in the suit and my tricks came to an end. South made the rest of the tricks, fulfilling his contract."

"Was I just unlucky, or did I make a bad play?" There was a way to know. West's opening lead was surely a fourth-best card. Using the

NORTH 20	
AK9	
76	
AQ1086	
543	
WEST	
AQ107632	J85
94	KQJ82
8	KJ6
J872	AK10
SOUTH (D)	
A4	
A1083	
7432	
AKQ	
Both sides vul.	
South West North East	
1 N.T. Pass 3 N.T. Pass	
Pass Pass	
Opening lead—4	

Rule of Eleven, East could tell that South had only one card higher than the six of spades.

In order to use the Rule of Eleven, subtract the number of the card led from eleven. The remainder equals the number of higher cards held by the other three players put together. Six from eleven leaves five, meaning that there are five cards higher than the six of spades in the North, East, and South hands. Dummy has two of them and East has two. Hence South can have only one. What's more, South was pretty well marked with shortness in spades since he won the first trick. He would almost surely refuse the first trick if he could safely do so.

In short, East could have worked out the correct defence. He should have returned spades after his first diamond trick. He would then win another diamond trick and lead another spade, allowing West to defeat the contract with four spade tricks.

CARD SENSE

Q—The bidding has been: North East South West
1 Heart Pass 2 Clubs Pass
2 Spades Pass
3 Clubs Pass
5-3, Hearts 9-2, Diamonds K-Q-10, Clubs A-J-9-6-3. What do you do?

A—Bid two no-trump. Even though you have two sure stoppers in the unbid suit you cannot afford to jump to three no-trump. Your partner expects you to have about 10 points for the bid of two clubs, and he would expect extra strength if you now made a jump bid. North will bid again for two no-trump, and you will have a chance to bid no-trump again.

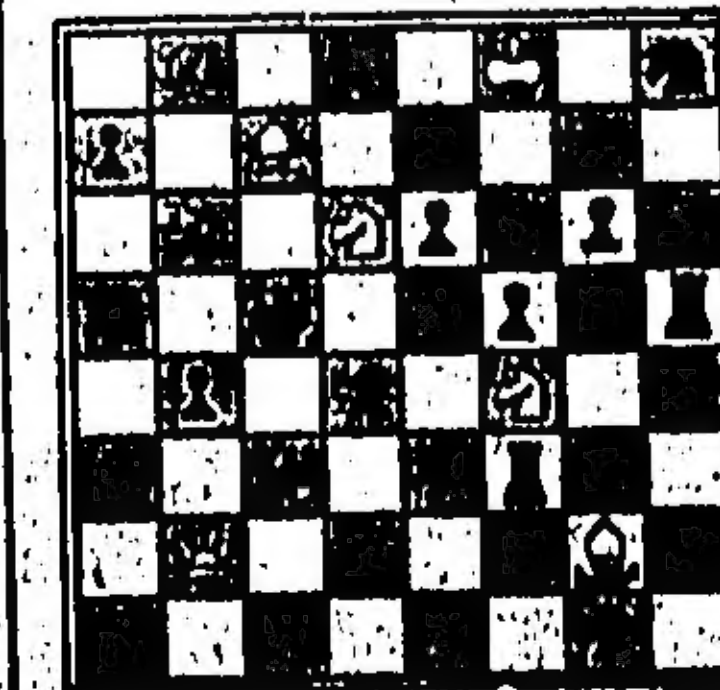
TODAY'S QUESTION

The bidding is the same as in the question just answered. You, South, hold: Spades 8-5-3, Hearts 9-2, Diamonds K-Q-10, Clubs A-Q-J-6-3. What do you do?

Answer Tomorrow

CHESS PROBLEM

By A. AKERBLOM
Black, 10 pieces.



White, 6 pieces.
White to play; mate in three.
—Solution to Saturday's problem.
1. Kt-K5, any; 2. Q-K7, or P-Q4, or B-Q3, or B-Q2, or B-Q1, or B-Q6, or B-Q7, or B-Q8, or B-Q9, or B-Q10, or B-Q11, or B-Q12, or B-Q13, or B-Q14, or B-Q15, or B-Q16, or B-Q17, or B-Q18, or B-Q19, or B-Q20, or B-Q21, or B-Q22, or B-Q23, or B-Q24, or B-Q25, or B-Q26, or B-Q27, or B-Q28, or B-Q29, or B-Q30, or B-Q31, or B-Q32, or B-Q33, or B-Q34, or B-Q35, or B-Q36, or B-Q37, or B-Q38, or B-Q39, or B-Q40, or B-Q41, or B-Q42, or B-Q43, or B-Q44, or B-Q45, or B-Q46, or B-Q47, or B-Q48, or B-Q49, or B-Q50, or B-Q51, or B-Q52, or B-Q53, or B-Q54, or B-Q55, or B-Q56, or B-Q57, or B-Q58, or B-Q59, or B-Q60, or B-Q61, or B-Q62, or B-Q63, or B-Q64, or B-Q65, or B-Q66, or B-Q67, or B-Q68, or B-Q69, or B-Q70, or B-Q71, or B-Q72, or B-Q73, or B-Q74, or B-Q75, or B-Q76, or B-Q77, or B-Q78, or B-Q79, or B-Q80, or B-Q81, or B-Q82, or B-Q83, or B-Q84, or B-Q85, or B-Q86, or B-Q87, or B-Q88, or B-Q89, or B-Q90, or B-Q91, or B-Q92, or B-Q93, or B-Q94, or B-Q95, or B-Q96, or B-Q97, or B-Q98, or B-Q99, or B-Q100, or B-Q101, 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BBBC Gives Extra Punch To The Coming British Boxing Season

London, Apr. 25.

Four British boxing champions—whether they like it or not—must fight to keep their titles by September 30. The British Boxing Board of Control has given extra punch to the coming summer season with this order affecting Terry Allen (flyweight), John Kelly (bantam), Randolph Turpin (middle) and Alex Buxton (light-heavy).

PUI CHING WIN SCHOOL ATHLETICS

The Ninth Inter-School Invitation Athletic Meeting organized by the South China Athletic Association, ended successfully at the Hong Kong Technical College, with over 30 schools participating.

The Inter-School champion ship was awarded to the Pui Ching Middle School which had a total aggregate of 191 points. The runner-up was the Hong Kong Technical College, with 55 points.

In the Junior section, New Methods College, followed by Pui Ching Middle School, with 43 points, while the runner-up was the Hong Kong Technical College, with 55 points.

In the Junior section, Pui Ching Middle School was first with a total of 40 points, followed by Pui Ching Middle School, with 41 points, while in their Junior section Pui Ching Middle School was first with 20 points, followed by Pui Ching Middle School, with 21 points.

Stephen Xavier, who was representing the Colony in the Asian games, came first, as expected, in the 100 and 200 metres dashes in 11.0 and 22.5 seconds respectively.

The Senior 400 metres was won by a fast pace set by K. S. Shiu, who came in first with a time of 53.9 seconds, closely followed by Cheng Chik-yun (New Methods) and Leung Kam-po (St. Joseph's) who came in second and third respectively.

The only record broken in the meet was in the 100 metres when George Tan jumped 13 metres (12 feet 7.4 inches).

A. F. Collier of the Technical School came near the Colony record in winning the 400 metres in 1:14.4 seconds. The race of the day was the Senior 4 x 400 metres relay when La Salle came in first with a time of 3 mins 47.4 secs, after trailing behind until the last 30 yards when Lee Shiu-chung just managed to edge out Heung To's anchor man to come in first. The race started with Heung To in the lead followed by La Salle. This order was maintained until the final change over when Lee with his small but rapid strides cut down the lead and in the last 30 metres, forged ahead to win by a few feet.

Mr. Raleigh Leung in a short speech said that there were more entries this year than last year and that athletics are becoming more popular, and introduced Mr. Chan Lam-cheung, vice-president of the South China Athletic Association who presented the prizes to the winners.

FAST RUN BY JOHN LANDY

Melbourne, Apr. 25. John Landy, Australia's top miler, ran a three-quarters of a mile race in 2 mins and 48.4 secs here in his last run before leaving for Europe in a few days' time.—Reuter.

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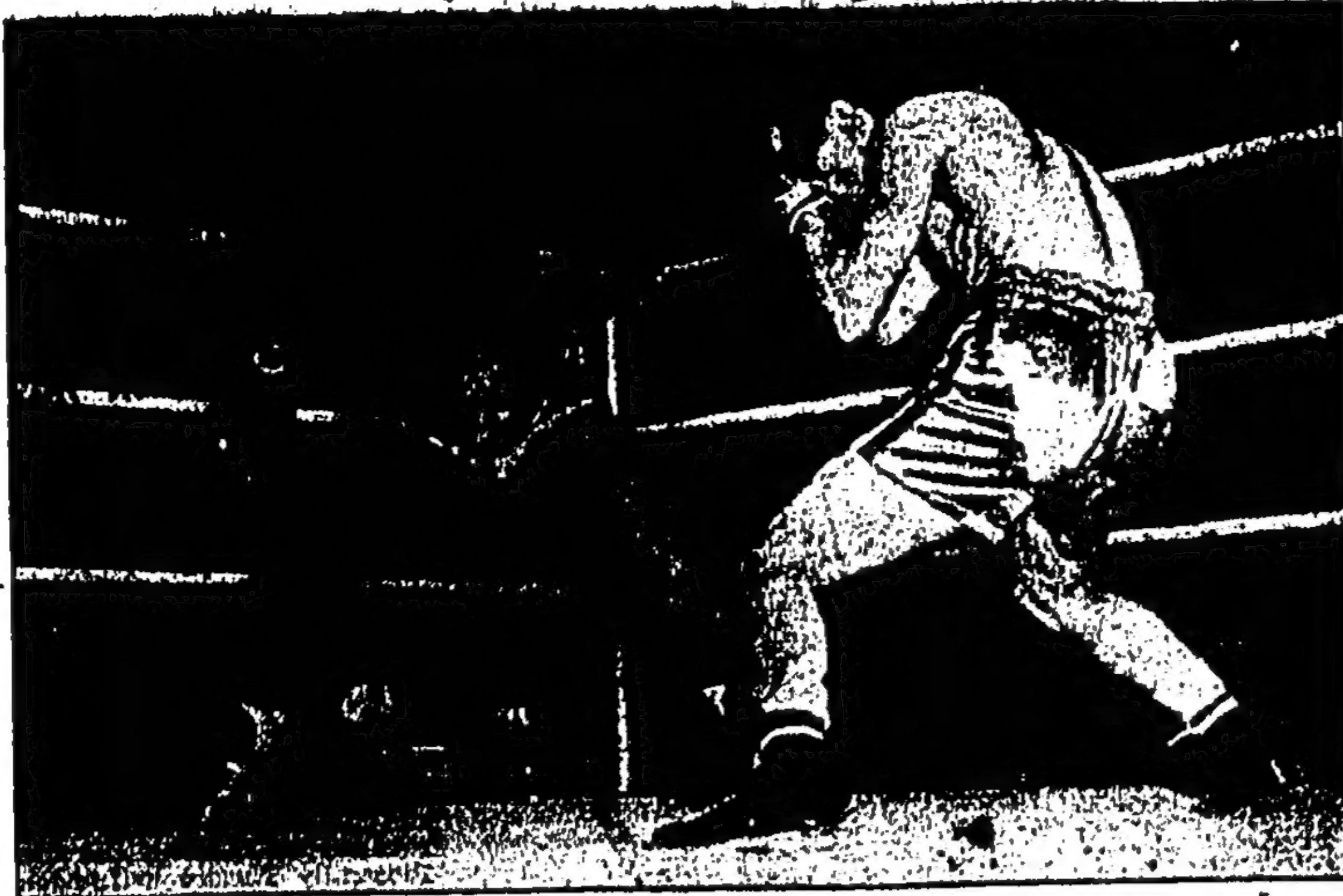
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JAKE TULLI ON THE LOSING END



Jake Tulli, the British Empire Flyweight Champion, was, for a change, on the losing end. He is seen (left) during the 10-round bantamweight contest against Dante Bini of France at the Empress Hall on April 14 which he lost on points.—Central Press Photo.

Much Of The Old Sparkle Should Return To County Cricket This Season

London, Apr. 25.

Much of the old sparkle which has been missing from postwar cricket should return to the game this season, beginning next week, following the "get on with the game" lead given recently by the Marylebone County Club.

The dreary approach to the game of some clubs and players has been responsible for diminishing attendances at County games, but the intense interest in matches is evidence that there is still a deep rooted love of the game in England.

It is earnestly hoped, therefore, that the MCC plan to bowlers to eliminate time-wasting tactics and to players generally to speed up the tempo of the game will enliven County cricket this summer.

The MCC statement on the style of bowling which has brought a good deal of negative criticism to cricket said: "While legislation on this point is not desirable, such bowling is neither in the spirit nor in the interests of the game. All County clubs should point out to their respective captains the unsportsmanlike nature of such tactics under any circumstances in English first class cricket."

Not the least important aspect of this statement is that it points out the fact that generally cricket can play a large part in slowing the game. Too often it is assumed that the batsmen necessarily determine the tempo, but even the most skilled players cannot be expected to push along the score against tactics of bowling wide of the leg stump to a defensive field or of time wasting by the bowler and by the fielders in changing positions.

Exactly how the MCC propose to deal with further cases of such practices is not clear, but if the feeling has been implanted among County captains

that if they use them they are liable to a sharp rebuke from headquarters much good will have been done.

PAKISTAN TOUR

Certain it is that Pakistan, the youngest of the cricket countries, will co-operate in this brother cricket move. Since being elected to the Imperial Cricket Conference in 1952, Pakistan have impressed by their determination to show the world that they are worthy of the status achieved.

The same keenness to succeed can be expected to show itself in their cricket. Whatever their shortcomings in ability they are not likely to fail through lack of fighting spirit.

Few expect Pakistan to beat England in any of the four Test matches, but it would be a mistake to underestimate them. Given a fine summer and a good start to the tour, the team could well develop into a useful side capable of upsetting many of the counties.

From the look of the side it appears that Pakistan will be stronger in batting than bowling. Most of the bowlers are useful batsmen and it is expected that there will be run-getting ability down to number nine in almost any side selected.

Pakistan have been quietly but efficiently building their resources for the tour and they have gone to great lengths to ensure that they acquire themselves creditably. Promising young players have been given every chance to acclimatise themselves to turf pitches which they normally seldom encounter.

A number of players who toured England with unofficial sides in 1952 and 1953, playing minor matches, have been included in the side. In addition a few of their leading and most promising cricketers were sent to indoor schools in England for special coaching.—China Mail Special.

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1,000 GUINEAS The field for the 11th Classic, the One Thousand Guineas, also numbers 21. This event is to be run over one mile at Newmarket at 1355 GMT next Friday, April 30. Probables and favorites are:

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DICK SAVITT SURPRISES AT HOUSTON

Houston, Texas, Apr. 25.

Unseeded Dick Savitt today whipped Hamilton Richardson in four sets to win the 20th annual River Oaks tennis tournament, 4-6, 6-3, 6-4, 7-5.

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HONGKONG SELECTION 3, ALL INDIA 1

BOTH DEFENCES WERE TOO GOOD FOR THEIR FORWARD OPPONENTS

By I. M. MacTAVISH

At 6.31 p.m. yesterday afternoon Lee Tai-fai swerved slightly to his right and from a spot about 20 yards out from the All India goal he sent a beautiful right foot shot screaming into the top left hand corner of the net.

It was a grand goal but it was also the first thing of note that had happened in the game. The first half-hour has been taken up with thrust and parry football and Lee's shot gave the spectators their chance to open their throats and cheer.

When the interval arrived the score was unchanged and this was due to the fact that both defences had been much too good for their forward opponents. During the break, and quite irregularly—both sides made changes. India dropped Braganza and Dutt and substituted Gokul and Noor, while Hongkong brought Tang Yee-kit into the centre-forward berth to the exclusion of Loader.

PLAY IN THE second half was very much better and Tang Yee-kit brought a cohesion to a home front line that had been sadly inept in the early stages. The KMB centre-forward, with the assistance of an Indian defender—put Hongkong in the lead midway through the half and a few minutes later Hau Ching-to made the total three.

With the game safe the home side played much better football than at any time in the game, but in a quick breakaway the visitors got a surprise goal when Cheung Koon-hing dived on the ball and then let it slip out of his grasp for (Thangara) to lap it into the net.

This ended the scoring although Reeves had the misfortune to see a well taken goal struck off for a foulmouth offence by another forward.

This Hongkong defence looked a much better combination than that which played on Saturday. Hung Hing-yuk and Wells were excellent backs while Fraser, flanked by two thoughtful and competent wing halves, had just about his best representative game in the Colony.

Chan Fai-hung had a first rate game and confirmed my belief that he is far and away the best right-half we have.

It was in the forward line that the problems existed. Loader, Reeves and Gardner will want to forget that this game ever took place. The big air man was never capable of working the light ball, but even Tommy Lawton would have had trouble with the brand of passes Loader got on this occasion.

Gardner and Reeves both had a poor game. They never hit it off as a wing and it was obvious that the Club player was ill at ease on the touchline.

COMBINED WELL Lee Tai-fai and Hau Ching-to often combined well and any real danger to the Indians came from the left... although Tang Yee-kit certainly put some constructive power into the line in the second half.

In the Indian team Sanjiva did not have as good a game as he had on Saturday. Mana was badly missed from the defence although Muthu, who replaced him, played quite well.

Azil repeated his good form of the previous day. Patrick, who played at right half, was to my mind the best of the visitors. He was a strong forward half-back and when necessary arose he could attack or defend with equal skill.

Barfooted Ahmed Khan again took the honours in the forward line although Moinuddin is the man with the "goal-lust". Little centre-forward Thangara had a soul destroying task against the towering Fraser but he tried hard to keep the ball on the move.

VERDICT: The irregularities of substitution must take much of the lustre away from this win. Rules are supposed to be obeyed and "mutual consent" can never be accepted as a justification for throwing them overboard. To do so would be to return to the "village green" or "school playground" standard. All this is unfortunate for some of our players enhanced their reputations and deserve due praise.

THE TEAMS Hongkong Selection: Cheung Koon-hing; Hung Hing-yuk, Wells; Chan Fai-hung, Fraser; Santos; Gardner, Reeves, Loader.

(Tang Yee-kit) Lee Tai-fai, Hau Ching-to.

All India: Sanjiva; Azil; Muthu; Patrick; Chandan Singh; Dutt (Noor); Moinuddin; Braganza (Gokul); Thangara; Ahmed Khan; Jayram.

SATURDAY'S GAME To those people who have the real interests of Hongkong football at heart the Toast-of-the-Time is Taylor... the young goalkeeper whose magnificent gesture in stepping into the All Hongkong side a few minutes before kick-off time on Saturday saved the local football powers from a situation as embarrassing as it was fantastic... and as it was unnecessary.

Many versions of the incident have already done the rounds but the fact that really matters is that five minutes before the kick-off in this important game against All India our team was still without a goalkeeper.

Taylor's sporting action in turning out, and later his first-rate display between the posts gave a happy ending to an unfortunate chapter in our football affairs.

On February 15 I wrote this of Taylor: "he had a great day in goal and it seems incredible that a permanent place cannot be found for this brilliant keeper in First Division football." Now I am convinced that a place singly must be found for him. He is a goalkeeper of the highest merit and he would make rapid strides if playing regularly in top class football.

The game as a whole was pleasant entertainment without ever rising to any great heights. The Indians showed that they were clever and competent players and with a little luck they might have won, but that is more a reflection on the Hongkong side than praise for the visitors.

The local side was often clever in a negative sort of way, but gone was the fire of our first meeting with Durgard, gone too was the forward power of the opening match of the Pegasus series... but much more important... gone was the vital determination to play all out all the time, at least as far as some of our chosen representatives were concerned.

The first half was one of changing fortunes and quality at the interval was a fair state of affairs. Hongkong might have had two goals from Lau Kai-chiu and Hau Ching-to, but against that is the fact that only several brilliant Taylor saves kept the home goal intact.

During the interval Lee Tai-fai was brought into the Hongkong attack to replace Yiu Cheuk-yin while India withdrew Braganza and substituted Kiltu.

HAPPIER WITHOUT Both sides settled down to play much better football after the restart and it was soon obvious that Ahmed Khan was a happier player after he had removed his boots.

Lee Tai-fai quickly made his mark by heading the opening goal, and a few minutes later the KMB boy again drove a fine shot through a crowd of players into the net.

With a two-goal lead Hongkong seemed to think the game was over but a couple of slick counters from Moinuddin restored equality and upset the calm of the local men.

In the 67th minute Moinuddin raced through and crashed in a tremendous 16 yards drive, but Taylor, emblazoned his name on the record book with a magnificent leaping save to turn the ball away from the net.

India had the best player abroad in Ahmed Khan, and a brilliant defence in Sanjiva, Azil and Mana. The little goalkeeper was superb in his handling of the ball, and left-back Mana tackled, covered and kicked with sure judgment.

Chandan Singh played the "Hungarian" type of game and was often a sixth forward, while Gokul distributed the ball

well. In a forward line that was over-elaborate Moinuddin, for his goals (Thangara), for his enthusiasm, and Ahmed Khan, for his clever generalship, claimed top honours.

Armstrong played a grand game for Hongkong but Lau Yee was often beaten on his inside by Moinuddin. Tung Sheung was the outstanding middle man but Ko Po-keung was strangely out of touch with the ball in the air.

Lau Kai-chiu and Lee Tai-fai were the only forwards who really mattered. Szeto Man and Tse Kam-ho were blotted out of the game for long spells.

VERDICT: There is a "short" somewhere in our team. The vital spark of enthusiasm and determination is missing and some of our players ambled through this game as though it was a quiet Saturday afternoon picnic... but of course the MacTavish Topper is off once again... to John Taylor... a gallant sportsman and a very good goalkeeper.

THE TEAMS All Hongkong: Taylor; Armstrong; Lau Yee; Tung Sum; Ko Po-keung; Tung Sheung; Tse Kam-ho; Szeto Man; Lau Kai-chiu; Yiu Cheuk-yin (Lee Tai-fai); Hau Ching-to.

All India: Sanjiva; Azil; Mana; Gokul; Chandan Singh; Noor; Moinuddin; Braganza (Kiltu); Thangara; Ahmed Khan; Jayram.

Jimmy Seed Has Strong Views On The Subject

London, Apr. 25. League clubs in Britain will in a few weeks' time start the annual process of what is mildly termed "least shedding" of their playing staffs.

Bluntly this means that any number from 800 to may be 1,000 surplus players will be sacked partly to make way for new blood from amateur ranks or other professional clubs, but mainly for reasons of economy by cutting down on off season expenses.

Players who get "not retained" notices realize of course that pruning is necessary to some extent and that money will be signed up without delay by other team-building clubs.

But a big number of players will be destined to move into non-league football or out of the sport altogether because League clubs interested in them cannot afford the prohibitive transfer fees asked by their former employers.

These hapless footballers are deserving of better treatment. Merely because they struck a bad patch and were off form for a time is no reason that their entire football career should be jeopardised.

FAIRWEATHERY At least one club, Charlton Athletic of London, sets a praiseworthy example which could and should be followed by the others.

This First Division club have never penalised a player whom they no longer require.

Charlton manager Jimmy Seed has strong views on the subject. "Even if the player had cost £20,000," he said, "he should still be allowed to go without a fee once it has been decided not to keep him."

"If the club has no further use for him, the manager has obviously made a mistake in signing him and the player should not be made to suffer for that mistake."

The policy of Jimmy Seed's club, if generally adopted, would remove from British football the cynical accusation that the present system of shuffling a player is akin to slave dealing.—China Mail Special.

THE GAMBOLS



by Barry Appleby



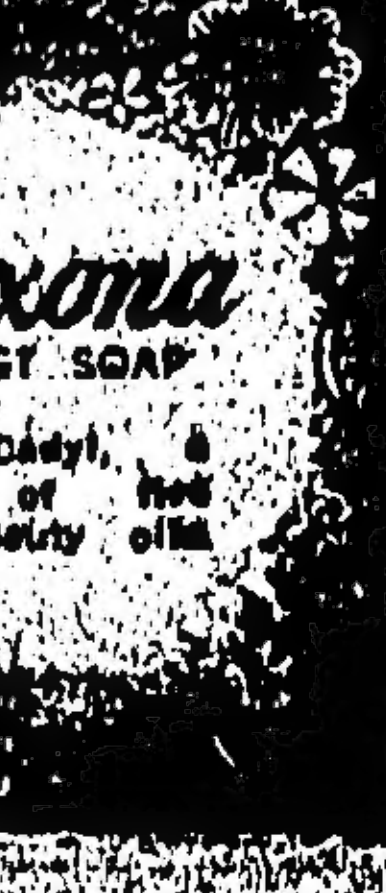
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COLONY OPEN SENIOR BADMINTON CHAMPIONSHIPS START TONIGHT

By "ARGONAUT"

The Colony Open Senior Badminton Championships open simultaneously at Club de Recreio and St Teresa's Club this evening, but instead of the originally scheduled ten matches only seven will be played off. The revision of programme has been necessitated by the inability of the Manila competitors to arrive in Hongkong until tomorrow.

Three good men's singles and one ladies' singles games should be seen at St. Teresa's. K. E. Wong is expected to have a good match when he meets Rozario in the first round of the senior event at 8.30 p.m.

Wolves Win League Championship

London, Apr. 21.

Wolverhampton Wanderers, already virtually certain of winning the Football League Championship for the first time in their history, today clinched the honour with a lead of four points on their nearest rivals, Cup finalists West Bromwich Albion.

While Wolverhampton were beating Tottenham Hotspur, West Bromwich were failing at Portsmouth.

Other League high and low points were that Leicester were promoted from Division II, Middlesbrough would accompany Liverpool in relegation from Division I, Brentford would be relegated from Division II along with Oldham Athletic and Chester would have to seek re-election to the Third Division.

It still remains to be decided who will go up with Leicester from the Second Division, who is to be promoted from League Three South and who must seek re-election along with Chester in League Three North.

The bad luck which has dogged West Bromwich since the Cup semi-final, continued today as their outside left, Lee, pulling a leg muscle in the second half, and being off for the last half hour. He may, however, be able to play in the Cup final at Wembley on Saturday next.

Preston North End, West Bromwich's rivals at Wembley, were also beaten today. Their conquerors, Aston Villa, beat West Bromwich on Tuesday. Huddersfield Town, who beat Bolton Wanderers, finished third in the First Division with Manchester United fourth and Bolton fifth. A defeat by Arsenal sent Middlesbrough down into the Second Division with Liverpool, who had already been doomed to relegation.

FIGHT CONTINUES
The Second Division promotion fight which has been a thrilling battle all through the season, will continue until two days before the end of it. Leicester's victory at Brentford had the double effect of giving them promotion and making certain that their opponents went down. Not until next Thursday will be known whether Everton or Blackburn Rovers will join Leicester in the First Division next season.

Blackburn are a point ahead but Everton have one more game to play. This is at Oldham.

Who is YOUR H.K. FOOTBALLER OF THE YEAR?

NEVER before has there been so much public interest in Hongkong soccer than during the season now ending. And never before has the Colony boasted so many talented players—players who have given tens of thousands of soccer "fans" clever and thrilling exhibitions of their prowess in this greatest of all local field sports.

The China Mail has, therefore, decided to organise among the followers and supporters of local soccer a Gallup Poll to determine, by popular vote, Hongkong's Footballer of the Year.

China Mail readers are cordially invited to fill in the form below, nominating whom they regard as the Colony's outstanding footballer of the current season.

The two qualifications for nomination are:
(1) Footballing prowess.
(2) Sportsmanship on the field of play.

Nominations should be addressed to The Editor, China Mail, Wyndham Street, Hongkong. Entries will close on MONDAY, MAY 10.

The result will be announced on Saturday, May 15.

To the Editor, China Mail.

My nomination for Hongkong's Footballer of the Year, taking into regard his playing ability and his sportsmanship on the field of play is

of the Club.

Signed

TREASURED TROPHY



Snooker Champion Joe Davis and his wife, June, get out one of his most treasured trophies, a reproduction of the World Snooker Championship Cup, to show to televiewers looking-in on their ninth wedding anniversary.

The Cup replica was presented to Joe by a number of friends to commemorate his having held the world title, without defeat, for 20 years.—Reuterphoto.

Army "A" And KGV Girls The Winners At Hockey Festival

But for the Second Division League final between Nav Bharat and Recreio "B" which is due to be played off at the Pool ground, King's Park, this afternoon, the Colony's hockey season officially came to a close yesterday with an end-of-season Hockey Festival.

Although entries for the competition were rather disappointing, an enjoyable afternoon was had by all who took part in the festival.

Mr. F. Sison, as the MC, ran the whole show smoothly. The Army gave excellent support in the field arrangements, while the NAAFI earned the gratitude of players, umpires and spectators with their supply of life-saving refreshments in the intense summer heat.

A notable job was also done by the handful of umpires present, and one of them could have easily walked away with the umpiring trophy, had there been one, by taking seven games in one afternoon.

Ten teams took part in the men's event. Recreio was conspicuously missing among the entries, and Army "A", as expected, proved to be just that shade too strong for the other teams.

They qualified for the final at the expense of the Sookunpots and Argonauts, against Nav Bharat who worked their way in the lower section by defeating Army "B".

The final saw Army "A" enjoying all-round superiority over a gallant Nav Bharat XI. The soldiers scored one goal in the first half after dominating play throughout the half and added two more goals in the second half. Goal scorers were McMahon (2) and Westmacott (1).

In the ladies' section, King George V "A", winners of the League and the seven-side hockey competition, completed a most successful season by garnering their third title.

After surviving a strong challenge from Recreio "A", whom they just edged by a corner advantage after being led 1-0 most of the way, they played brilliant hockey in the final against the Dorians whom they beat by 2-1.

Suzanne Hewson gave the School an early lead with a hard shot from a short corner. In the second half Sheila Hall increased the lead.

Phyllis Bliss put the Dorians within striking distance with a stinging shot into the net, but though they tried hard, the Dorians could not place the unimpaired defence of the School for the remaining period of the game.

THE RESULTS
Men's 1st round: Army "A" beat Sookunpots, Dutch H. C. beat R.A.F., Nav Bharat beat St Joseph's, Army "A" beat Argonauts, Army "A" beat Royal Navy.

2nd round: Army "B" beat Dutch H. C., Nav Bharat (bye), Army "A" beat Aces, Semi-final: Nav Bharat beat Army "B", Army "A" (bye). Final: Army "A" beat Nav Bharat 4-0.

Consolation plate: 1st round: Sookunpots beat R.A.F., Argonauts beat St Joseph's, Royal Navy (bye). Semi-final: Argonauts beat Royal Navy, Sookunpots (bye). Final: Sookunpots beat Argonauts by one long corner.

Ladies' 1st round: Dorians beat Victorians, K.G.V. "B" beat Gremilins, K.G.V. "A" beat Recreio "A", Recreio "B" (bye). 2nd round: Dorians beat K.G.V. "B", K.G.V. "A" beat Recreio "B". Final: K.G.V. "A" beat Dorians.

KBCC WINS TRIANGULAR TOURNEY

In keeping with the exciting finishes which have marked the series, the Kowloon Bowling Green Club yesterday defeated the Kowloon Cricket Club by one wicket to win the lawn bowlers' cricket triangular competition and the trophy presented by the Kowloon Docks Recreation Club.

The KBCC appeared to have a fairly easy task after dismissing the KCC for 69 runs, but against steady bowling and keen fielding they had to fight hard for victory.

At one time the Bowling Green Club required only eight runs with four wickets in hand, but three wickets were lost for an additional five runs and it was left to Frank Howarth, last man in, to score the three runs needed.

Tom Kavanagh was again the backbone of the winners' batting. He scored a careful, but well placed 35.

MOST SUCCESSFUL
Dr Lam was the most successful KCC bowler, taking 7 for 33.

Against the attack of Eric Liddell and F. Hart, only Jack Chubb for the KCC shaped with any confidence. He scored 32. Liddell took 5 for 16 and Hart 3 for 11.

At the conclusion of the match, Mr. E. Abraham, President of the KCC, called on Mr. J. V. Ramsay to present the Kowloon Dock Recreation Club trophy to Mr. W. Geall, President of the KBCC, while Mr. Howarth, captain of the winning team, presented Mr. E. Liddell with the ball with which he obtained a hat-trick in one of the competition's games. The ball had been suitably inscribed.

The final records of the three teams which took part in the tournament were: KBCC, played 4, won 3, lost 1; KCC, played 4, won 1, lost 2, drawn 1; KDRC, played 4, won 1, lost 2, drawn 1.

**Germany Beats
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Basle, Apr. 25.

Germany beat Switzerland by five goals to three after leading 4-0 at halftime today in an international football match here.

A crowd of 88,000 saw the match which marked the opening of the new St. Jakob Stadium.—Reuter.

AS HE HEADS FOR JAGAN LAND

McDonald Bailey Leaves A Few Odd Thoughts Behind

By GEORGE WHITING

Emmanuel McDonald Bailey, sprinter-cum-footballer-cum-world-traveller, has got a new job, three children, and a firmly declared opinion that the colour bar would disappear if there were more people about like Prince Philip.

Said McBailey:

"I was introduced to Prince Philip with the Olympic team at Buckingham Palace in 1952, and met him again after the Games in Helsinki, where he told me I had done a lot for British sport and deserved all the luck in the world.

"That was fine. But the greatest gesture of all came later, when the Prince spotted me sitting several rows back and waved to me at a big fight at Harringay.

"You forget all about colour bars when that sort of thing happens to you."

ASPERITY

That anecdote—with others, less pleasant—McDonald Bailey is taking with him next month to British Guiana which I always thought was a place populated by bottle-throwers at cricket matches, Dr and Mrs Jagan, rabble-rousing Reds, and the Angil and Sutherland Highlanders.

It seems they also have ordinary people like you and me out there—people who run and jump and swim and cycle and hit a ball about without losing their tempers. And it also seems that McDonald Bailey is going to help them do a bit more in these directions.

Trinidad-born McBailey, off on May 4 with his white wife and three children to organise sport among 38,000 employees of an English sugar company in Georgetown, has been "here" for the last ten years.

In that time he has hot-footed it through British athletics to the tune of several sprint records, served with the Royal Air Force, argued pungently but politely with the big shots of sport, married Doris Wells, of Bloomsbury, Somerset, and out of Rugby League football, written books, made money out of running shorts and rum, and sparked off explosions left, right and centre.

Undoubtedly a personality—and one we cannot allow to depart without some observations on our island scene and on life as he hopes to find it when he gets back among his own people.

"Of course there is a colour bar in Britain, and so there is everywhere else," he said. "But only by people with big heads and small minds, admitting their own inferiority complex. Most of it has its roots in silly little incidents.

"You have your snobs, and we have both 'snob' types and coloured people full of pre-judices. If either kind wants to snub me—let them. I've moved around enough to take no notice, but the whole silly business still crops up now and again.

"The other day I was told there was no restaurant service on my train north. Then the attendant recognised me, asked for my autograph and fell over himself fetching and carrying.

"All ridiculous incidents, but not too pleasant when they happen to sensitive newcomers from the Commonwealth.

"My wife, an English girl, was in the ATS, and she, too, has had to put up with snubs and pointed remarks. Imagine her feelings when, having booked our hotel room, she was informed that the place was full as soon as I made my appearance.

IGNORE THEM
"But these things don't make up a colour bar if you can learn to ignore them. Irresponsible people throw bottles at a cricket match in Georgetown, but I've also known other flourishing razors at a football match in Glasgow. That does not make either British Guiana or Scotland a bad place.

"No, I do not anticipate my wife or my three children having any trouble in British Guiana—

any more than my wife did when we spent three months in Trinidad seven years ago."

That seemed to be enough about skin pigment, so I switched a bit into the less touchy realms of sport.

Less touchy? Wrong there, I'm afraid. For instance, there was that controversial Rugby League experiment at Leigh, Lancashire—with best part of a four-year contract tossed out in an atmosphere of what you might call cordial good riddance.

"Let us say," said McBailey judiciously, "that the players were all nice chaps, but that I found a lot to be desired in the relationship between players and management."

And had McDonald Bailey any parting message for the athletes of England? Certainly he had.

4-MINUTE MILE
He thinks the four-minute mile will come earlier than many people expect—probably from Landy of Australia or Bannister of England. He considers his greatest achievements the winning of 14 AAA titles between 1948 and 1953.

He remembers with pride that he shook hands with the Queen three times in one afternoon at the White City. He could say plenty about sham amateurism, too, would rather not.

He thanks us one and all for 10 adventurous years, and asks me, cryptically, to pass on a quotation from Thomas Edison. Show me a thoroughly satisfied man, and I'll show you a failure.

An urgent, sensitive type. Perhaps it was the children. Or could it be a chip on his shoulder? —(London Express Service)

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DEATHS

MISS LUCY S. BROWN, beloved wife of Mr. J. S. Brown, died at her home, 100, Queen's Road, Hongkong, on Sunday, 24th April, after a long illness. Funeral service at 11 a.m. at the Chinese Cemetery, 100, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

LOST

PHILIP P. BROWN, in the name of Miss B. Brown, lost a small black and white dog, 100, Queen's Road, Hongkong. Reward offered for its return to the owner, Mr. J. S. Brown, 100, Queen's Road, Hongkong.

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NATO Officers Study At Napoleon's Old School

Paris, Apr. 26.

In the high-ceilinged classrooms of the Ecole Militaire here, a young student officer named Napoleon Bonaparte once learned the art of war.

In the same buildings today, high-ranking officers of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation are learning the infinitely more complicated lessons of defence.

The "Little Corporal" from Corsica studied at the Ecole Militaire as a sub-lieutenant. Most of today's Atlantic Pact officers wear the insignia of Colonel or its Navy equivalent, or hold the diplomatic rank of consul.

Each "member"—they are not called students—is picked specially by his Government to attend the Defence College of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation.

Few of them are well known, except in back-room circles where staffs of experts work out decisions announced by front-page names. But they represent all the countries belonging to the North Atlantic Pact, except Iceland, which has no armed forces, and Luxembourg, which maintains less than a brigade.

The Defence College, lying in the shadow of the Eiffel Tower, is overlooked by the great golden dome of the military museum of Les Invalides. Under that dome lie today the remains of Napoleon. The old 17th century classrooms in the wing used by the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation, have been divided horizontally, providing rows of neat, sound-proofed offices and committee rooms, instead of echoing lecture halls.

More than 200 men have already received their special graduation scrolls. The fifth six-month class is in progress now.

To deal with the language problem, each member must be fluent in either English or French. Simultaneous translation earphones are used for lectures and conferences. But sometimes "English" has to be translated into English—for example, in the case of a Norwegian lecturer speaking English with an accent which might be difficult for a textbook-trained Turk to follow.

In the morning, the members attend lectures by specialists, while in the afternoon they break up into small committee groups to work out special problems. These tests vary as the immediate needs of the North Atlantic Treaty Organisation change. They may range from cost-sharing in infrastructure to tactical difficulties of artillery in Greece.

The "undergraduates" working here receive no grades for their work. But by evaluating the co-operative results of the committees, the Organisation gets some practical contributions from the members even before they graduate.

The main purpose of the College, however, is to give each man technical and sympathetic knowledge of the problems of other nations in the Pact and other branches of the services—advising to eventual total standardisation.

In addition to the close teamwork in the multi-national

Committee, the members also make field trips for on-the-spot study of industrial or military problems.

HOMEWORK

As a minor but necessary point, "homework" includes memorising long lists of abbreviations and initials: EDC and NATO (which must also be recognised in their French form as CED and ORAN), to cite only the most elementary.

The social life of the members is not limited to the Defence College, since they are allotted all over Paris. But there are "college" dances, dinners and cocktail parties. One class even held a reunion in Copenhagen a year after graduation.

The work at the Defence College, which was the brain child of General (now President) Dwight Eisenhower when he was Supreme Allied Commander in Europe (SACEU), reflects the current emphasis on quality instead of quantity.

A look back at 1953 shows that the quality of the Atlantic Pact forces has been greatly improved, both through practice in basic manoeuvres and training for future atomic tactics. This trend continues in 1954.

During 1953, more than 100 training manoeuvres were carried out. Some of them were command post exercises on paper for the benefit of Staff Officers working out problems of logistics, mobility of reserves and defence strategies. But the majority were action operations, designed to give the frontline and support troops the experience they would need in the event of an attack by an aggressor.

An indication of the advance in the defence of the alliance is that three major manoeuvres, involving land, sea and air forces and stretching from the shores of the United States and Canada through West Germany to Turkey in the Middle East, were carried out almost simultaneously.—China Mail Special.

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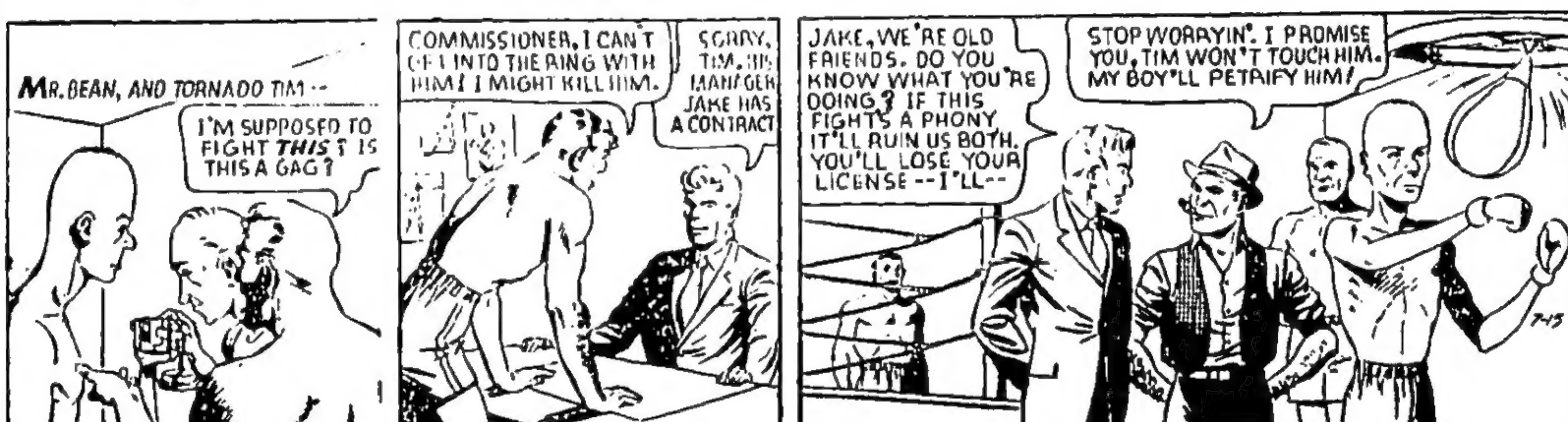
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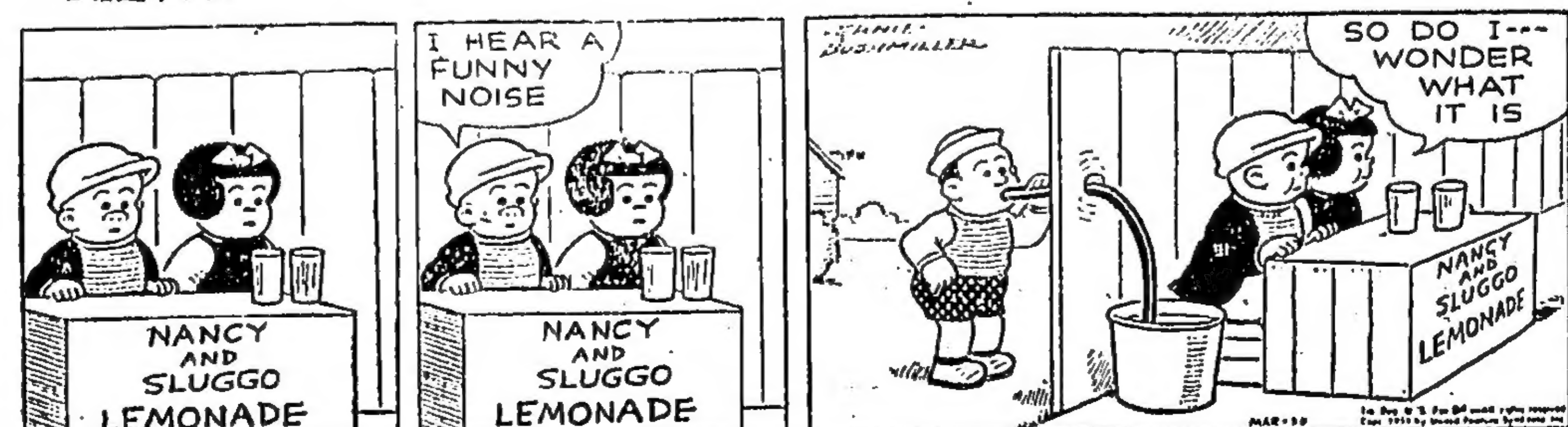
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PIANIST ENTRANCES AUDIENCE

The audience at the Empire Theatre last night, which included His Excellency the Governor, Sir Alexander Grant, GCMG, and Lady Grant, sat entranced while Gort Groot, the visiting Dutch pianist, gave his first public performance in Hongkong.

Gliding through the intricacies of Chopin's music with effortless ease, he held the audience under a spell, which was only shattered when spontaneous applause burst forth.

Choosing a varied and interesting programme, he began with Beethoven's 18th Sonata, Op. 31, No. 3. This seldom heard work was impressive, especially the Scherzo and Minuetto, with their constantly abrupt changes of mood.

Four contrasting Chopin pieces showed Mr. de Groot's mastery of the key board and his interpretations were filled with tremendous emotion. He played the Etude in A flat, Bercceuse, Op. 57, Mazurka in C sharp minor, Ballad, Op. 23, in G minor.

Spanish music brought out his best, and enthralled the audience when he played Rumeros de la Calafia, Sevilla and Cadiz by Albeniz. Chabrier's Scherzo-Valse and de Falla's Ritual Fire Dance were also included. Rachmaninoff was represented by his exquisite Prelude in C major which was captivantly played. He also played Rondo Capriccioso, Op. 14, by Mendelssohn.

This evening, Mr. de Groot will play at the Princess Theatre, Kowloon.

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City Drama: Man Is Rescued From 8th Floor Window Ledge

A young Chinese man in his middle twenties was rescued by members of the Police Force and Fire Brigade this morning while he was threatening to jump from a back window ledge on the eighth floor of the Bank of East Asia Building.

The man, who is unknown to the occupants of the floor, had climbed onto the ledge sometime after 10 a.m., and began shouting that he was going to commit suicide. The Police and the Fire Brigade were summoned, and the officers hastened up the eighth floor, to reason with the youth.

MURDER TRIAL OPENS

Cheung Cho-wah, 28, unemployed, was this morning brought to trial before Mr Justice C. W. Reece, at Supreme Court on a charge of murdering his common-law wife Lee Shun Chan, at 77 Kam Shan Village on the evening of January 5 this year.

Mr A. Hooton, QC, (Solicitor General) assisted by Crown Counsel Mr J. C. McRobert represented the prosecution and Mr C. Losely, instructed by Mr W. I. Cheung, acted for the accused.

Mr Hooton opened the proceedings by giving a brief resume of the incidents leading up to the time of the alleged murder.

He told the court that the accused had been living with the deceased, Mrs Lee, as common-law man and wife but had parted prior to the alleged murder.

On the day of the incident Cheung visited the house of the deceased saying that he wanted to see his children. After being in the house for half an hour Mrs Lee had asked the accused to leave.

The accused left with Mrs Lee walking ahead. A cry of "save life" was heard by the other occupants of the house and Mrs Lee was found on the ground floor with a wound in her left shoulder.

WENT TO MACAO
The accused disappeared from where he had been living with a kinsman and was believed to be in Macao. The accused was arrested on January 27 on a ship which arrived in Hongkong from Macao.

Meanwhile the Police searched certain premises and found a letter postmarked Hongkong suggesting that the accused had had trouble with a woman, and that his wife had driven him to commit an act.

Dr John Chen, surgeon of Kowloon Hospital, said he examined a woman brought into the hospital at about 11.30 p.m. on January 5.

He found that her breathing was laboured, pulse weak and fast and her blood pressure hardly registering. This indicated loss of blood.

He said she had a wound in her back. He gave her treatment but she died at 5.35 next morning.

He found that she died of a sharp instrument piercing the chest wall from the back. The instrument had entered the chest cavity and death was caused through internal hemorrhage.

On being shown an instrument he said it could have been the one used on the night of the incident. He could not say how much force was used because the instrument only came in contact with soft tissues. The blow was struck from above.

BLOOD ON BLADE
Dr Pang Ting Cheung, Police surgeon said he had examined an instrument believed to have been used to wound the deceased and found a thin film of blood on a blade but not enough for blood grouping.

Cheung, who was 9 years old, was living with an uncle at 123 Queen's Road, told the court that he had previously lived with an aunt, younger brother and his mother. He then told the court that he had seen the instrument on the night of the incident.

On January 5 his father called to see his mother. He recognized his father in court.

Leung Nui, aunt, said that at 6.30 on the day of the alleged attack she went to fetch some water from the garden. When she got back she saw a man talking to her mother, Mrs Lee. The children were also in the room and he stayed for about 30 minutes.

She said she heard the man tell Mrs Lee that he had come to see

SIDE GLANCES By Galbraith



"The whole family together at breakfast! Oh, how wonderful! Have I missed anything exciting?"

NEW SPC CENTRE OPENED

After playing an active part in the Hongkong Society for the Protection of Children, Mrs R. Johannessen, as a farewell gesture, opened the Homuntin Centre of the Society this morning.

Before the opening of the new Centre, Dr Lee Hai-hong, Chairman of the HKSPC, said: "No doubt some of you will recall the disastrous fire at Homuntin in January 1953, when many families were made homeless. Today, this building is yet another example of how good may come from misfortune."

The Rev. Sterling H. Whitener, Hongkong representative of the Evangelical and Reformed Church sent newspaper cuttings and pictures of the fire to his parent organization in America. These good people, desiring to express their sympathy and do something to help, decided to devote the proceeds of a memorial fund for a late member of their community to aid the unfortunate people of Homuntin. Mr Whitener had for some time been interested in the work of the Society for the Protection of Children, and when he was asked to implement this desire, he approached the Society with a suggestion that the funds subscribed should be used to help build a Children's Welfare Centre.

The Society was at that time considering ways and means of extending its work, particularly in squatter and resettlement areas. In consultation with Mr Whitener it was agreed that if Government could make a site available the Society would build a centre at Homuntin.

SITE ALLOTTED
Our application for a site received the sympathetic consideration of the Urban Council, resulting in the allocation of this plot of land.

The next step was to decide on the type of building to be erected and we were again most fortunate, for Mr Robert Fan, offered to act as Honorary Architect and draw up plans. Mr J. T. Wakefield, then Chief Resettlement Officer, gave constructive advice and helpful suggestions.

The result of these generous gestures you see here before you.

As Chairman of the Society for the Protection of Children I would like to express appreciation and thanks to Mr Whitener and the people of his organization, whose donation helped to make this building possible; to Mr Robert Fan for his architectural and drawing up plans; to Mr J. T. Wakefield, then Chief Resettlement Officer, for his constructive advice and helpful suggestions; and to all who have in any way helped in this step forward in our programme of expansion.

LEAVING HONGKONG
Most of the work for the building was done during the Chairmanship of Mr R. Johannessen. Both Mr and Mrs Johannessen for many years past have given enthusiastic support to the work of the Society.

Falconer Winding-Up Petition: Documents Read To Court

A number of documents were read to the Court by Mr Brook A. Bernacchi, leading Counsel for the petitioner, Mr J. J. O. King, when hearing of a petition for the winding up of George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., resumed before the Acting Chief Justice, Mr Justice T. J. Gould in the Supreme Court this morning.

Mr Bernacchi said that he had handed to the Clerk of the Court bundles of all documents he proposed to use, some of which he would read in full to the Court and some which his learned friends had agreed would be taken as read.

Counsel said that out of these documents his learned friend (the Hon. Leo d'Almada, QC, Counsel for George Falconer and Co. (H.K.) Ltd., had told him there were only five to which he would take objection and he understood that his friend would take the objection as the documents came up.

The first document read this morning was a circular letter from Falconer's to their overseas buyers which Mr Bernacchi said stressed the need for manufacturers' invoices to be submitted to the directors as required by the company. Counsel said that when they came to these goods supplied to us through Ipekjdian Bros. as buying agents, there were never once original invoices provided.

After reading the next document which was addressed to Mr Leung in the Philippines, Mr Bernacchi said that it was extraordinarily difficult to understand why for a purchase from Falconer's of a diamond necklace a cheque for US\$950.00 was to be sent to Ipekjdian and up to date it was not possible in any of the appropriate accounts to trace where this item came.

The importance of the agenda of a meeting, which was the next document read, was said Mr Bernacchi, the reason for the loan and increase of salary to King and Rosa Pereira. He said the Court would recall in the affidavit of Seymour it was said that the increase in Rosa Pereira's salary was only recently discovered.

Reading a letter to Mrs Grant appointing her in charge of the Jewellery department, Mr Bernacchi said that one found in the letter the attitude that the firm of Falconer's was owned by Ipekjdian just because he (Ipekjdian) had 51 per cent of the shares and King a mere 49 per cent, and that was some two months after King left the position as manager.

OBJECTION DISALLOWED
Extract of a letter written by Seymour to Ipekjdian dealing with the petitioner in particular and Falconer's in general, to which Mr d'Almada objected to reading on the ground that it was obviously a personal letter written by one director to another director and which was not a document of the Company, which objection was overruled. Mr Bernacchi commented that it was clearly inciting Ipekjdian to use the Company for the purpose of taking criminal proceedings against King. Counsel alleged that it was the deliberate intention of Seymour and Ipekjdian to try and get at King in the criminal courts.

A document next read was one showing the manner in which a loan of \$100,000, was made to Ipekjdian, approved by Seymour, said Mr Bernacchi. He said he would show Seymour had never paid a cent for any share he owned in the Company and yet he approved this loan of \$100,000.

A letter addressed to the auditors dealing with the balance sheet of August, 1951, Counsel said it was abundantly clear from the letter that the auditors' original draft balance sheet did not bear very great relation to the balance sheet as ultimately drawn up and presented.

UNPAID FOR SHARES
Reading the next documents, Mr Bernacchi said that they showed that when Ipekjdian came to transfer shares to Seymour they were transferred without any consideration at all. The sum of dollars was nil in both cases, "so that Seymour did not pay for the shares for which we say we loaned him," said Counsel. It followed, he argued, that if his case was right, Seymour did not pay anything for the shares he got from him. Counsel alleged that Seymour who was all the time egging Ipekjdian to more and more acts contrary to the interest of the petitioner was in fact, a gentleman without the slightest real interest in the Company. The shares he got were purely on a nominal basis

to enable him to act as a director. Counsel further alleged.

Mr Bernacchi next referred to a letter written by Daly, an employee of the auditors, and said that although admittedly it was not written from a responsible person and indicated the attitude that Ipekjdian and Seymour were prepared to adopt towards the petitioner.

"I say it contains scandalous suggestions for controlling the liquidation of this Company, suggestions for controlling contributors meeting, suggestions for controlling creditors meeting, suggestions to enable Ipekjdian to buy out the Company and get it back for himself and suggestions even to use the money due to King on his 49 per cent for the purpose of paying the cost of the liquidation," Mr Bernacchi alleged.

Counsel said that he noticed that there had been a scurry to disassociate themselves from this

letter and instructed by Ipekjdian and Seymour, his friend Mr Winter (Counsel for Ipekjdian and Seymour as individual shareholders, and for Ipekjdian as creditor) the other day stood up and said that it had nothing to do with the auditors as such. Mr Bernacchi said that Seymour regarded the letter as sufficiently interesting for him to have a number of typewritten copies made, three of which, he said, were left on the file of the Company. So that, Counsel alleged, Seymour was not in any hurry to disassociate himself from the letter and he would be surprised, Counsel further alleged, if Ipekjdian did not know of its contents.

"It is a typical letter showing how these people were seeking professional advice to drive and out my client even from the benefits of the liquidation. It is an atrocious and scandalous letter," Mr Bernacchi alleged. Hearing is proceeding.

From the Files 100 Years Ago

The last Gazette contains the various Royal Commissions and Letters Patent constituting and appointing Sir John Bowring, Chief Superintendent of Trade, and Governor and Vice-Admiral of Hongkong; as also Colonel Caine's Commission as Lieutenant-Governor, and Mr Mercer's appointment as Colonial Secretary—all of which are given in our Supplement.

We have long thought Colonel Caine would make a good Governor, but unfortunately his commission as Lieutenant-Governor is effective only in the absence of Sir John Bowring. No doubt it is proposed that the Colonel shall, as we announced two months ago, administer the affairs of the Colony, in which Sir John Bowring will not interfere, unless when his supreme authority is indispensable; but such division of duty and responsibility must impair the efficiency of the office, and cases may arise, in which important but not very palatable measures may be suffered to drop between the two stools of Governor and Lieutenant-Governor, the one refusing to interfere, the other holding that he has not the actual power.

Mr Mercer's appointment as Colonial Secretary is likely to give very general satisfaction; for there is no one better qualified for the office, or who would discharge its duties so efficiently. There are other two appointments, however, which the public will learn with pleasure, but which are not announced in the Gazette, although they were made upwards of three days before it was published—we mean Mr. Riesenacker's as Colonial "Treasurer" and Mr. Bridges's as a Legislative Councillor.

PROTECTION PLANS

We understand Sir John Bowring, in conjunction with the Naval and Military authorities, has been devising plans for the protection of Hongkong from the Russians. With this view we suspect Admiral Birling is more needed here than at Singapore; for when the Lady Mary Wood approached Woosung on her last trip up, she found the Frigate Menchikov waiting outside for news from Europe, which having obtained, she started, no one knows precisely whither, but probably to some rendezvous in the north. The report about the squadron being at Batavia must have originated in a rumour, in the Russians buying at Manila bills on Batavia, and the fact of course would be reported by the merchants to their correspondents; but they were not aware that Admiral Poniatine did not proceed to Batavia, but started direct for the north.

WELCOME MOVE

We are glad to learn that the Lieutenant-Governor, at the instance of the Acting Attorney General, has, or is about to—or at all events ought to—appoint two or more Chinese Emigration Agents, (of whom the Harbour Master will of course be one), whose duty it will be to survey vessels and regulate the number of passengers they can carry. The necessity for such officers has been long felt, but do-nothing Sir George Bonham positively refused to interfere in the matter; and we therefore welcome the step as an omen of practical improvement to be looked for under the new Government.

The Librarian has been the first to undergo the survey ordeal, and is ordered to be repaid and recalled, and to have a portion of her upper deck cut away after which she will, by the American regulations, be capable of carrying in all 327 passengers.

The Potomac, which left the harbour on the 11th instant, was compelled to anchor off Chung-chow; and though she has since landed 150 men, is supposed still to exceed her complement.

Newsmen To Quiz General

For the first time since the great attack on the camp at Dien Bien Phu on March 13, press correspondents at Hanoi will have the chance to communicate directly with the camp's commander, Brigadier-General Christian de Castries. It was disclosed officially tonight.

General Henri Navarre, the commander-in-chief of the French forces, tonight gave journalists permission to see General de Castries; questionnaires to him by the French High Command.—France Press.

Conviction Quashed By Appeal Court

In a number of appeals against sentences heard before Mr Justice J.R. Gregg in the Criminal Appeal Court this morning, one was successful and two others gained remission in sentences.

Leung Chiu-sul, sentenced by Mr Creedon at Kowloon to seven months' hard labour and six strokes of the cane for larceny from the person—he was alleged to have snatched a handbag from a woman—appealed against the sentence.

He was not required to argue his case, however, as Mr J. W. D. Hobley, Crown Counsel, at the outset informed the Court that appellant had apparently been originally charged with simple larceny and that charge had subsequently been amended to one of larceny from the person. The handbag, in fact, had been stolen from a child's paramour.

His Lordship observed that, in that event, the corporal punishment imposed on the appellant must go, a canning could only be imposed where an article had been taken from a woman.

Mr Hobley said he thought appellant must be acquitted altogether as there was no power at the present stage to amend the charge.

Discharging the appellant, Mr Justice Gregg said that as the facts did not sustain the conviction of larceny from the person, the charge must be quashed.

SENTENCE REDUCED

A young man, Ma Man-ful, dressed in European style and with a military-style haircut, appealed against sentences totalling twelve months' hard labour imposed on him by Mr Lawrence Leong at Central for assault occasioning actual bodily harm and demanding \$1,000 with menaces.

Ma said he was only asking that his sentence be dated from the day of his arrest. He declared he had been held in custody for 35 days before he was sentenced. He had a family dependent upon him and, if the Court acceded to his request, he would be enabled to return to them sooner.

Mr Hobley agreed that appellant had been arrested on February 4.

His Lordship said that, taking into consideration the circumstances of the case, he would allow the appeal and ordered that appellant's sentence be dated from February 4.

An allegation that he was beaten by the Police and forced to confess to thefts of more property than he had actually taken was made by Chan Ping, alias Choi Tung-ping, who appealed against sentences totalling six months' hard labour passed by Mr Lawrence Leong at Central for trespassing on protected property, larceny from

Farewell Party

There will be a farewell party for the Rev and Mrs George She in St John's Cathedral Hall on Thursday, April 29, starting with tea at 4.30 p.m., evening at 5.15, and a short ceremony of presentations at 8.40 p.m. It is hoped that as many as possible of Mr She's friends who are free will attend. No individual invitations are being issued as the Cathedral Council want every friend of his to feel able to come.

FALSE ALARM

In response to a burglar alarm, Police vans were rushed to Ming Tak Bank, 161 Queen's Road Central at 10.30 a.m. today. They found it was a false alarm on arrival.

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